The Weather
Today—Partly cloudy, rather windy and cooler tonight. Tomorrow—Fair and cool. Yesterday—High, 45; low, 29.

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Bricker Supports Taft for Race in 1948

President Voices Hope For Peace In Broadcast

Crowd of 10,000 Attends Christmas Fete in Grounds Of White House

(Mr. Truman's Text, Page 4)

By Edward T. Folliard
Post Reporter

From the White House grounds, ablaze with Christmas lights, President Truman last night broadcast the hope that 1947 would bring a lasting peace.

He had to confess that all "is not harmony in the world today." But a brave beginning had been made, he said, and added:

"May 1947 entitle us to the benediction of the Master: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God'."

A crowd of 9785 men, women and children gathered in the south grounds of the White House to see Mr. Truman set aglow the national Christmas tree, to hear him broadcast his greeting to the Nation, and to join in the singing of carols.

Wounded Servicemen Greeted

Mr. Truman emerged from the White House and walked through the grounds just before sunset. He was wearing a blue suit and blue overcoat. When he doffed his hat, onlookers could see that his hair was much whiter than it had been a year ago.

Before he did anything else, the President shook hands with a dozen or so wounded soldiers and sailors in the first row. It was noticed that he spoke more than a greeting to Wilson Makabe, a California Nisei, who fought with the heroic 442nd Japanese-American Regiment against the Germans.

Later Makabe explained:

"He told me to sit down and relax."

Makabe left a leg in Italy, and had been standing on an artificial one.

District Sends Greetings

President Truman took his position on a stand finaked by huge red candles. After the invocation by the Rev. Peter Marshall of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and introductory remarks by Chief Justice Bolitha J. Laws of the District Court, greetings of the people of Washington were brought by Mary Ann Sterling of Girl Scout Troop 100, and Douglas Shankin, Eagle Scout of Troop 23.

The National Press Club Chorus, directed by Dr. Reinald Werrenrath, sang "Go Tell It On the Mountain" and later, "Here We Come Wassailing."

At one point in the ceremony, a cannon shot echoed from across the Potomac. It was the sunset gun at Fort Myer. A short time later, President Truman pulled the switch and a giant spruce became glorified with red and green lights.

Crowd Is Orderly

Many in the crowd could see only the top of the tree, but there was no shoving. Some of the women on the fringe tried to see by holding pocket mirrors over their heads.

Hundreds of children were held aloft so that they might view the spectacle. Voices could be heard in the gloom, saying: "Daddy, I can't see the President." . . . "Sweetheart, my arms are breaking now." . . . "Take a good look now, Julia, I can't hold you up long." . . .

Many in the crowd carried packages from last-minute shopping. One woman, it was noted, had plenty of room for herself; she was carrying an armful of prickly holly.

President Truman, speaking in a gentle voice, began his Christmas message by retelling the most beautiful story in the world: the story of what happened 2000 years ago

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'The Children Were Nestled All Snug In Their Beds . . .'

Post Staff Photo—Jones

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS at Children's Hospital and "while visions of sugar plums danced in their heads," Nurse Jean Bradshaw hung stockings on the youngsters' beds "in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there." This little patient and the 169 others like her will know by "the wink of his eye and twist of his head" that they will have "nothing to dread"

'Key' Ruling Did Not Pass On Portal Pay

Supreme Court Held Only That Employers Must Compensate For Time Controlled

By Dillard Stokes
Post Reporter

The Supreme Court said in the famous Mount Clemens case that working time is the time that an employer controls, and he must pay for it.

That's all the court said in the case that has brought a flood of suits to recover back overtime pay, and the industrial world these days is seeing a lot of things in the decision that just are not there.

The court did not say men must be paid for walking in and out of the gate, or for changing clothes. The court, on the other hand, did say that time worked is to be figured from the facts, and that the company's books may not be the last word.

These facts are apparent from a close study of the court's decision.

Began More Than 5 Years Ago

The Mount Clemens case, which is causing so much talk—and touching off so many lawsuits—began more than five years ago. The Mount Clemens Pottery Co. plant in Michigan was almost wholly owned by the S. S. Kresge store company. There were from 1200 to 1400 employes, who brought suit for overtime that had piled up for several years.

The employes claimed they were ordered to be at the plant up to 14 minutes before a working shift began, and that they were kept up to 14 minutes after a working shift ended. Since the break at lunch time made two shifts in a day the employes said some workers were losing pay for nearly an hour a day.

In Effect for Years

The employes claimed—and offered evidence to show—that the company set up its system for the purpose of getting out of paying for work. The system had been in effect for years. There had been charges and countercharges about it. There had been strikes over it.

The Michigan Federal Court sent the case to a special master, who made three findings against the employes. The reasons he gave did not satisfy the District Judge or the Supreme Court. They were:

1. The time it took to go from the time clock to the place of work was not to be paid for, because it was not the custom of the plant or the industry.

No Clear Proof of Time

2. The time spent getting work under way was not to be paid for, because there was no clear proof of how long this took.

3. The time of waiting before and after shifts was not to be paid for because the employes could not have used the waiting time on their own account.

Federal Judge Frank A. Picard took the master's findings of fact, but turned down his reasons and his ruling, especially as to Finding 2. The judge said, in effect, that it was plain that the workers had put in thousands of dollars worth of time sharpening tooks, setting up machines and so forth, so that it was certain they had money coming to them. Now, he said, it would not be right to turn a man away empty handed—when money is owed him—because there is some doubt as to how much it is. What we must do is to figure out the best we can how much is due him, and the employer cannot reasonably complain of this, because if he had kept records of this time there would be no trouble at all in figuring the debt out to the penny. So

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Ga. Battle Brews

Arnall Set To Balk Son Of Talmadge

Atlanta, Dec. 24 (AP).—Gov. Ellis Arnall moved today to balk plans of the son of his old political foe, Eugene Talmadge, for taking over in January the Governor's chair which his father would have assumed had not death intervened.

The 39-year-old Arnall announced he would remain in office until Lieut.-Gov.-Elect M. E. Thompson, 42, is sworn in and then vacate the gubernatorial post, leaving it to Thompson.

The announcement set up another bitter Georgia political battle in which the followers of "Old Gene" will seek to muster enough votes in the General Assembly which convenes January 13 to have the 33-year-old Herman Talmadge, a Navy officer in the war, declared Governor.

The elder Talmadge won the Democratic primary nomination last July over James V. Carmichael, backed by Arnall, and former Gov. E. D. Rivers. He would have been inaugurated for a fourth term of four years January 14. Arnall defeated Talmadge in 1942.

Talmadge's death last Saturday was the first of a Georgia Governor-elect prior to inauguration. The situation it created is not dealt with specifically in a new State constitution adopted in 1945 or the old constitution of 1877.

Herman Talmadge and others who followed his father to the political wars for 20 years withheld comment on the Arnall statement.

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Present Prices Are Triple Those of 1939

BLS Data Based On Index of 28 Basic Commodities

By John W. Ball
Post Reporter

The Bureau of Labor Statistics confirmed yesterday a prevalent suspicion that prices have gone up in recent months, and also that present prices are nothing at all like they were in prewar days.

Back in August, 1939, BLS started a new daily index for 28 basic commodities. The index on that date stood at 100. The index for the same 28 basic commodities Monday stood at 303.1—more than triple what it was eight years ago.

In trying to work out a comparison to contrast as sharply as possible the changes in the price structure that have taken place The Post has matched the August, 1939, prices against the following dates:

December 5, 1941—just about five years ago, and the last working day before the United States entered the war. On that date the price index for the 28 basic commodities stood at 156.7, reflecting the rise in prices that accompanied the boom of the prewar defense period.

Rise Follows Decontrol

June 28, 1946—the last report before OPA controls went off last summer following President Truman's veto of the first OPA extension bill. At that time, with price controls still generally in effect, the index stood at 197.2.

November 15, 1646—the date BLS reported last Monday when retail food prices had reached an all-time peak. This date was chosen because it followed soon after permanent lifting of price controls, and further, to provide an indication of the extent of price changes in the last 30 days. On that date the index stood at 293.9.

The rise in the index in the last

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Candidacy Decision Is Deferred By Senator

Intention to Bow Out of Presidency Speculation Told Here December 14

By Robert C. Albright
Post Reporter

Former Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio will support Senator Robert A. Taft for the 1948 Republican presidential nomination.

His decision was disclosed to Senator Taft on December 14—the night Bricker addressed the semi-annual banquet of Washington's Gridiron Club.

Informed sources said his intention to bow out of the 1948 race in favor of Taft was not influenced by the reception accorded his speech—recorded as "lukewarm."

The Post's informant said Governor Bricker and Senator Taft talked over the matter in a preliminary way at that time and reports of Bricker's contemplated withdrawel were therefore "not news" to the Senator.

To Defer His Decision

Questioned about the report, Senator Taft said:

"As far as I am concerned, I will make no decision on the question of being a candidate for President until our legislative job is done and Congress has adjourned."

Taft's own statement, issued in response to newsmen's queries, repeated in effect what he told reporters Monday:

"I shall be glad to sit down with John Bricker as soon as he arrives in Washington and discuss the whole matter with him. I have always felt that the Ohio Republican situation would be worked out in an amicable way . . ."

Taft is understood to have tried to reach Bricker by telephone after the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch carried a story saying Bricker would not seek the Republican presidential nomination in 1948, but would support Taft instead.

It was late afternoon and Bricker could not be located by phone. Taft then issued his still noncommittal comment on the Columbus report.

To Issue Formal Statement

The Dispatch story said Bricker will issue a formal announcement in January on his withdrawal plans after a conference with Senator Taft. Bricker, overwhelmingly elected to the Senate in November will come here January 3 to take his senatorial oath.

The Dispatch said it had learned unimpeachably that Bricker has "given the green light" to Taft. It said:

"The Senator-elect, it was learned, will not contest for delegates in Ohio, which virtually assured the delegation will be pledged unanimously to Senator Taft in the party's convention.

"Similarly, his decision means that he will not seek delegates in any other State."

Not Authorized, He Says

Reached in Columbus by United Press, Bricker said he had not authorized any person to make a statement regarding his intentions as they may affect the national political scene.

"Inasmuch as I have not at any time said I am a candidate for the 1948 Republican presidential nomination, it would certainly be untimely for me to discuss the matter of delegates at this time," the Senator-elect said.

Nor did Taft's statement issued here actually confirm the Columbus report. The Post learned, however, that Bricker gave Taft such assurances when he was here for the Gridiron event.

Will Be Worked Out

After announcing his conviction that the Ohio situation will be amicably worked out, Taft went on to say in his brief formal comment:

"In 1938, when Republican membership in the Senate of the United States had sunk to the all-time low of 17 members, the Republican Party of Ohio led the way in downright opposition to the New Deal, and in the rejuvenation of the Republican Party throughout the Nation.

"In that year, and ever since, John Bricker; Tom Herbert, the present Governor of Ohio; Paul Herber, lieutenant governor; Don Ebright, treasurer of State; Jim Stewart; many other and myself have worked together and cam-

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Shoppers Shed Coats as Santa Puts His On

Crowds Thin Out As Mercury Hits 60; No White Christmas

By Charles J. Yarbrough
Post Reporter

Overcoats on one arm and packages under the other, Washington all but sweltered into Christmas Eve yesterday.

A warm sun beamed down on gay, rushing buying crowds in mid-afternoon, pulled them out of heavy coats and sent the temperature to 60 degrees—warmest Christmas Eve since 1933's high of 69.

The only major shortage appeared to be in a White Christmas. Today is to be fair and slightly colder; a forecast that did little to dull the Capital's festive mood save among those who will have to leave new sleds and ice skates under the tree.

After a record surge of buying, milling crowds thinned to an estimated 35 per cent of the last-minute rush last year, but stores were still thronged near closing time.

Pause for Parties

Government workers, rushing to catch transportation after their noon release from duties, tarried long enough to join gay office gatherings and cocktail parties. Many of the city's offices and business houses were hosts to employes.

Children, out of school for vacation, joined in the festivities with many parties. There were programs for orphans, for the aged and for underprivileged.

The quick exodus of Fedeal employes largely accounted for the

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Journey to Manger

Pilgrims Plod Ancient Road To Bethlehem

Bethlehem, Dec. 24 (AP).—Plodding pilgrims by the thousands trod the ancient winding road to Bethlehem tonight to witness one of the holiest spectacles in all Christendom—the reenactment of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The devout pageant is the traditional climax of Christmas Eve celebrations by Christians of the Holy Land. It includes a solemn processional to the manger grotto, in the venerable stone Church of the Nativity, erected over the scene of the Saviour's birth.

In the manger is placed an 8-inch wax doll in the figure of an infant boy. It will remain there until January 6, the feast of the Epiphany, which commemorates the arrival of the Wise Men from the East.

Despite the strife which has scourged the Holy Land in recent months, a festive air prevaded the little town.

In Jerusalem a few Christian Arabs in a premature holiday celebration fired shots in the air.

In the Jewish city of Tel Aviv, the bullet-riddled body of a young Jew was found, believed the victim of the underground.

The traditional services began shortly after noon in the old church when the Rev. Louis Barlassina, 75-year-old Roman Catholic patriarch, led a procession from Jerusalem's historic Jaffa Gate, site of the thrones of such mighty monarchs as Saul, David, Solomon and Herod, to Bethlehem.

The procession halted briefly at

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Germans Cheer U. S. Amnesty Announcement

McNarney Extends Christmas Pardon to 800,000 'Little' Nazis

Frankfurt, Germany, Dec. 24 (AP).—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, in a Christmas message to 3000 applauding Germans in historic Roemberg Square, announced today an amnesty for 800,000 "little Nazis" in the United States occupation zone of Germany.

The commander of United States forces in the European theater said he expected Germans to proceed more vigorously against "active Nazis who brought destruction upon their country."

American officials estimated that amnesty would enable the denazification program to be completed in 18 months in the United States zone.

The amnesty, which will reduce the number of persons liable to prosecution to about two million, will apply to all those not listed as major offenders or whose yearly income during the calendar years 1943 and 1945 was less than 3000 marks and whose taxable property in 1945 did not exceed 20,000 marks.

Also exempted from prosecution are persons more than 50 per cent disabled.

The theater commander criticized the lack of "unified economic treatment" for Germany and said that zonal boundaries should not hamper Germany's economic life.

So far as was known, the United States was alone in adopting the amnesty procedure.

U. S. Admits Legality of Red Rule in Dairen

Order to Naval Ship To Quit Port Deemed Within Soviet Rights

By John M. Hightower
Associated Press Reporter

The United States tacitly recognized the legality of continued Soviet military control of the Chinese port of Dairen yesterday. Also, a State Department spokesman said the Russians acted legally in ordering an American naval vessel to leave Dairen after its authorized 48-hour stay had expired.

Refusal of the Soviet authorities at Dairen to admit an American businessman and two newspapermen without prior clearance from Moscow also was upheld by the State Department.

The American view was disclosed at a news conference at the State Department by Press Officer Lincoln White. He first issued a brief statement substantially confirming a news account of the Dairen incidents of last Friday originally reported by William H. Newton, an American correspondent, in a dispatch published in this country Monday.

Newton declared that the naval vessel which had called at Dairen with supplies and mail for the American consul general had left the port after receiving a verbal ultimatum from Russian military authorities that if it did not get out within 20 minutes "we will not be responsible for the consequences."

Information Garbled

White said that initial information received here through official channels was somewhat garbled in transmission and he could not confirm the specific point of a 20-minute ultimatum.

However, the statement which he issued declared that after Consul General H. Merrell Benninghoff had failed to gain admittance for the three American civilians, "the ship left two hours after its legal 48-hour stay had expired."

Asked specifically whether the Russians were within their rights in handling the situation as they had, White replied, "Yes, legally the Russians were within their rights."

Asked whether their military occupation of Darien is proper, the statement which he issued had this to say:

"Dairen, under the terms of the Sino-Soviet treaty of August, 1945, is to be a free commercial port under Chinese administration, but the Soviet and Chinese governments have not yet made arrangements for the asumption of Chinese control. Pending the conclusion of these arrangements, Dairen remains under Soviet military control."

"It has been the hope of this government that the Chinese and

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Atlantic Charter 'False' to Some

Pope Fears New Conflicts, Urges Speedy, Stable Peace

Vatican City, Dec. 24 (AP).—Pope Pius XII, declaring that Europe even now was in danger of "the flames of new conflicts," appealed today to the world's statesmen to conclude with all possible speed a stable peace which could "save the world from incalculable shocks and disorders."

The pontiff, addressing resident members of the Sacred College of Cardinals in the second Christmas Eve since the end of World War II, said the Atlantic Charter in some countries today seemed only a counterfeit of what was intended by its promulgators.

But he saw hope for mankind in the development of weapons of mass destruction. Without mentioning the atom bomb or any other much weapon specifically, the Pope said this new factor, "the might of new instruments of destruction," had brought the need for the international agreement sharply into focus.

Obviously referring to the recent disarmament resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the pontiff said:

"This factor has brought the problem of disarmament into the center of international discussions, under completely new aspects, and provides an incentive that was never felt before; Thence springs hope of solving what past generations have longed for in vain."

Declaring himself "profoundly impressed with the gravity of the present hour," he called upon the statesmen of the world:

1. To remove "dangerous international tensions" and direct all their energies and good will toward "putting an end to the present intolerable state of incertitude and

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UNNRA Ukraine Relief for 1946 Over 317 Millions

Moscow, Dec. 24 (AP).—The Kiev newspaper Ukrainian Pravda quoted Ukrainian Finance Minister G. I. Sakhnovsky today as saying the Ukraine republic had sold UNRRA products for 1,689,000,000 rubles ($317,532,000 at nominal exchange) this year and that the proceeds were being spent on reconstruction measures and cultural material.

The Minister said that "although the relative importance of assistance received from UNRRA is extremely insignificent in comparison with the devastation and damages in our country's economy, this inconsiderable assistance" undoubtedly would help in liquidating the effects of war.

British Deny U.S. Asked Antarctic Withdrawal

London, Dec. 24 (AP).—The British Foreign Office denied tonight reports that the United States State Department had requested the withdrawal of a British mission from the Marguerite Bay base, in the Antarctic, which Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd built in 1941.

9 'Critical Risks' Rented

Three U. S.-Owned Buildings Here Called Fire Hazards

Fire safety inspections of 98 government-owned buildings in the District reveal three are "below standards in fire protection," the Public Buildings Administration disclosed yesterday.

Nine buildings rented by the Government are considered "critical risks."

The inspections were undertaken at the same time as a survey requested by the District Commissionrs after teh Winecoff Hotel fire in Atlanta. It showed 1638 of 3500 privately owned buildings examined were in violation of fire safety regulations.

The three "below standard" Federal buildings, all completed before 1900, are the: General Accounting Office, F st., between 4th and 5th nw.; Army Medical Museum,, 7th and Independence ave. sw., and Old Postoffice, between 11th and 12th sts. on Pennsylvania ave. nw.

These are among the oldest Federal building in Washington. Nathan G. Baker, chief of the safety and fire prevention division of the Public Buildings Administration, declared they are constructed of fireproof materials but are not modern in design. Early replacement of all three is planned.

Many of the rented buildings where the fire hazard is greatest will be released as soon as space is available in other Government building, Baker said.

Shortages of office space during the war frequently made it necessary to convert garages, warehouses and dwellings for Government use as offices.

Through widespread education in fire prevention among Federal em-

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Gay 'Motorman' Dispenses Cheer In Stolen Trolley

Pittsburgh, Dec. 24 (AP).—The trolley car passengers were all happy and gay, for it was Christmastime.

The "motorman" collected the fares and pocketed them. As each rider departed, he gave them an extra helping of transfers and bade each one:

"Merry Christmas!"

Finally, the "motorman" reached a car barn, 6 miles from the starting point. Twelve passengers remained. The "motorman" rang the bell once more, again wished everyone a "Merry Christmas," and left.

After waiting 10 minutes, the passengers scratched their heads and reported the incident. Six miles back, they learned, was the real motorman, sorrowfully hunting his trolley—and a certain mysterious stranger.

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In Hansi Fight

Rebel Guns Silenced by French Fliers

Paris, Dec. 24 (U.P.).—Attacks by French army bombing planes have silenced the Annamite batteries bombarding Hanoi but the rebels have attacked two new towns in northern Indo-China and a curfew has been imposed to Saigon in fear of rebellion, French dispatches said tonight.

Bangkok, Siam, reported hearing the radio of the Viet-nam rebels assert that 2000 French soldiers had surrendered at Bac Ninh, 20 miles northeast of Hanoi, and at Nam Dinh, 48 miles southeast of Hanoi.

However, a French general staff communique said the Bac Ninh garrison was holding out.

French press agency dispatches reported French troops at Bac Ninh were fighting hand to hand. Reinforced rebels with automatic arms and artillery were reported attacking Nam Dinh.

Bilbo Daily Reminded of Near-Ouster

Senator Theodore G. Bilbo (D., Miss.), now facing possible expulsion from the United States Senate, has a daily reminder right in the Senate Office Building that he missed expulsion years ago from the Mississippi State Legislature by one vote.

Harper

Running one of the office building elevators is Frank Harper, a former Mississippi State senator, whose dramatic reversal of his vote on the question of expelling Bilbo 36 years ago, permitted Bilbo's political career to continue.

Harper is not on Bilbo's patronage list, but on that of Bilbo's political enemy, Senator James O. Eastland (D., Miss.). Bilbo does not even like to ride in the elevator run by his erstwhile savior.

Forsakes Bible for Time

Harper, a silent and taciturn man, spends most of his time on the elevator reading the Bible. He forsook the Bible, however, to spend as much time as possible attending the Senate War Investigating Committee's hearings into Bilbo's dealings with war contractors.

The former Mississippi politician was a State senator from Grenada County during the historic Mississippi State Senate proceedings of 1910, when Bilbo's ouster from his first legislative job failed by Harper's vote.

Back in 1910, United States Senators were elected by the State Legislature. The late Senators Leroy Percy of Greenville, Miss., and James K. Vardaman of Jackson, Miss., were vying for the seat vacated by the death of Senator Anse J. McLaurin of Brandon, Miss.

Told of Accepting Bribe

Bilbo startled Mississippi with a public announcement that he had accepted a bribe to vote for Percy. He declared he had accepted the bribe just to expose the alleged deal—adding that he had no intention of keeping the money.

The Legislature felt, however, that an investigation was in order. After hearing many witnesses the Senate voted on a motion to remove Bilbo from the Senate.

When Harper's name was first called, he voted against Bilbo. The final name on the Senate roster was called before Harper rose from his seat, during a final count by the Senate secretary, and reversed his vote.

The Senate lacked one vote of the necessary two thirds for expulsion.

There are increasing indications on Capitol Hill, however, that what happened in Mississippi 36 years ago will not be repeated in Washington.

Engineer Injured In Ship Brawl

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—Milton Eckstein, 38, chief engineer on the freighter H. H. Bancroft was transferred from his ship today to the U. S. Marine Hospital here for treatment of head injuries which Coast Guard headquarters said were inflicted by another officer.

Eckstein's condition was described as "pretty poor." His home is in San Francisco.

Coast Guard spokesmen said Eckstein was struck with a wrench Saturday as the freighter was inbound from Antwerp.

Coast Guard spokesmen said no formal charge had been placed against the man who reportedly struck Eckstein, but that he would be taken into custody when the freighter berthed here this afternoon and given a hearing later by the Coast Guard merchant marine hearing unit.

Bridge Jump Wins Bride

Cincinnati, Ohio (U.P.). — The "never say die" spirit won Billy Paul Allen, 18, a wife. Billy failed to get consent for his marriage to 16-year-old Ella Lindley and jumped off a railroad bridge into the Ohio River. Her grandparents finally relented and granted them permission to wed.

GOP Leaders May Upset Government's Foreign Aid Plans

By Ferdinand Kuhn, Jr.
Post Reporter

Between now and the opening of Congress the Administration will put the finishing touches on a request for a 450 to 500 million dollar relief grant, intended chiefly to prevent hunger and privation in Italy, Austria and Greece.

This will be the straight-American aftermath of UNRRA, which is being liquidated as a result of American, British and Canadian insistence that a big international relief and rehabilitation agency was no longer needed.

some If Congress appropriates this d money in a lump—an there is some doubt that it will do so—the State Department will go free to allocate the relife runds as the three European countries can prove tha they need it.

Lump Sun Faces Opposition

If Congress insists on earmarking the money country by country, however, the State Department's freedom to act will be considerably narrowed. Department officials are ready to put up a strong fight for the lumpsum appropriation in spite of the fact that leading Republicans in Congress are cool or hostile to the idea.

The pending request for relief is only one part of the new American program for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction which has been evolving in recent months. It is based upon the conviction in Administration circles that the United States must stop being reconstruction banker to the world, and must let the new World Bank carry the burden.

The American Export-Import Bank, which has carried the load of reconstruction lending since the end of the war, will be continued in existence, but on a much smaller scale than formerly.

Chinese Aid Ear-Marked

According to present plans, the Administration will not ask at this time for an increase in the Export-Import Bank's lending authority, although it may have to do so later in 1947. The Export-Import Bank still has approximately 350 million dollars of uncommitted funds, not including 500 million which have been ear-marked for China when political conditions there improve.

The Export-Import Bank's present resources, together with the repayments it may receive in the coming year, are felt to be enough for making a wide variety of small loans, not to exceed about 25 million dollars in any single case. These loans would be strictly for the benefit of American foreign trade, and in general would not be granted for broad reconstruction purposes.

The World Bank, now seeking a new president, has not yet made a single loan, and has not indicated when it will do so. There is evidence, however, that its directors are moving faster than the public realizes toward making their first important reconstruction loans fairly early in the new year.

Supplies Are Problem

In all this complex shift, from international to national relief and from national to international lending, one problem is causing officials here a good deal of perplexity.

This is how to handle rehabilitation supplies, which are intended neither for outright relief nor for long-term reconstruction. They include, first of all, farm machinery, fertilizer, seeds and draft animals; and secondly, industrial equipment to get war-shattered factories back into operation.

Every country that received help from UNRRA attached great importance to these rehabilitation supplies. In the case of Austria, agricultural supplies accounted for 20 million dollars and industrial equipment about seven million out of a total relief and rehabilitation program of 117 million.

In the case of Greece, which is desperately in need of economic help in 1947, UNRRA's agricultural help totaled 45 million dollars and industrial equipment 39 million out of a total program of 350 million dollars.

Italian Aid Outlined

UNRRA supplied Italy, chiefly during 1946, with 18 million dollars in agricultural help and 108 million in industrial rehabilitation supplies, out of a total program of 425 million dollars. This industrial help, however, took the form largely of coal exports without which Italian industry could not have made a comeback at all.

The question now confronting American officials is how to provide such rehabilitation supplies, which are almost as important to Italy, Austria and Greece as food and clothing.

A relief grant from Congress, to supply food and clothing, might be stretched to include coal and perhaps seeds and fertilizer. But Congress can hardly be asked and will not be asked, to supply nonconsumable goods like machine tools and tractors under the guise of relief.

On the other hand, both the Export-Import Bank and the World Bank are banking institutions which are not allowed under their charters to lend for relief supplies. In both cases loans must have a reasonably sound economic basis—and neither Austria, Greece nor Italy is likely to be solvent within the foreseeable future.

Small Loans Possible

It is possible, however, that the Export-Import Bank can lend small amounts as industry loans for the purchase of industrial machinery in this country. The World Bank, also, is theoretically able to lend to countries like Greece, so long as it gets a detailed plan which satisfies the Bank's directors.

So there is some hope among American officials that the problem of rehabilitation goods can be met, although the exact method is still a puzzle.

As for the other countries formerly supplied by UNRRA, all of them in eastern Europe, the prospect of American aid remains more than doubtful. At the recent United Nations Assembly the American representatives denied that there would be any political yardstick for measuring relief grants after UNRRA expired.

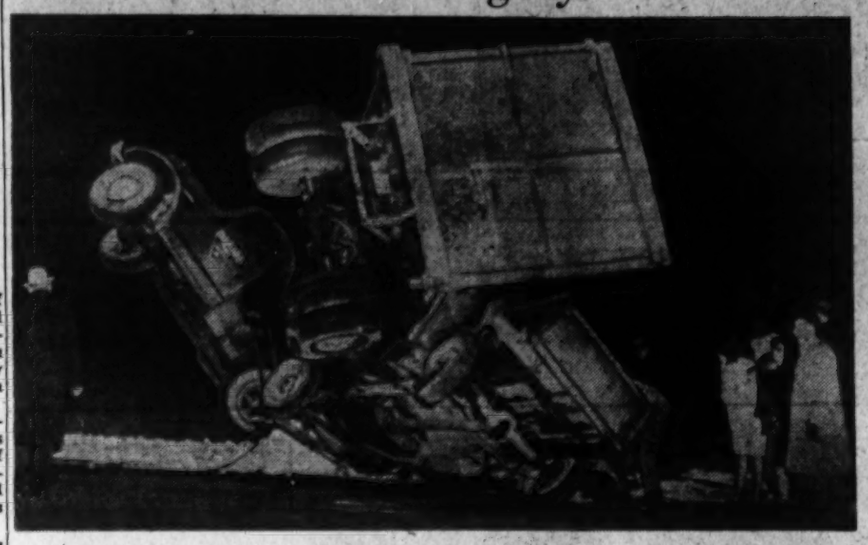
Some American officials still profess to believe that Hungary and Poland can get relief funds from this country if their need can be proved. Such action, however, depends upon Congress, and the new Congress is not in a mood to make gifts, even to avert hunger, in countries under Russian domination.

Diplomatic unpleasantness with Poland is expected next month because of the alleged totalitarian nature of the Polish election campaign, in violation of pledges made at the Yalta Conference in 1945. If a political controversy with Poland should develop next month, it would make Congress still less willing to grant relief funds to that country, even if the need could be proved and even if the State Department were willing to make th request.

State Department officials still insist, however, that they will not carry their political likes or dislikes into the operations of the World Bank, in spite of the fact that the United States has 37 per cent of the voting power on the World Bank's board.

The Poles now have an application before the World Bank for a 600-million-dollar reconstruction loan. It will be up to them to submit a detailed plan, to show how they intend to use the money, and the road will still be open to them, as to other countries, to get international help of the kind that formerly came from the United States alone.

Christmas Eve Traffic Tragedy . . .



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TWO KILLED—Two Syracuse, N. Y., men—John M. Jogelski, 27, and John Sears, 37—were killed early yesterday when their truck was crushed beneath a huge tractor-trailer in a collision at the New York town. A third man—John Cooper, 31 of De Witt, N. Y.—was seriously injured

Accord Sought On Missouri Job Service

Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach yesterday invited Gov. Phil M. Donnelly of Missouri to join him in working out a friendl ysettlement of the State's employment service troubles.

At the same time, the Social Security Board moved to follow Schwellenbach in cutting Missouri off from Federal grants for failing to obey the law that turned the employment service over to the States. The case was set for hearingby Social Securitay Commissioner Arthur J. Altmeyer on December 30.

Two weeks ago Schwellenbach cut off the Federal grant to the Missouri employment offices—about a million dollars a year—because he found that after taking over the offices, the State officials were downgrading the staff and cutting salaries right and left.

The law had said this was not to be done, but that the trained, experienced staffs were to have a fair chance to keep their jobs—at the same pay—under the State administrations. Schwellenbach said the other 47 States had followed the law and kept the staffs.

Without the million dollars a year of Federal aid, the Missouri offices may not be able to operate. If they do not function, the State loses its claim to another million a year from the Social Security funds. The hearing on December 30 is to decide this point.

N. Y. to Foster Arts, Sciences

Albany, N. Y. (U.P.).—The New York State Education Department, realizing a long-advocated plan, has inaugurated a five-year experimental system of State Institutes of Applied Arts and Sciences.

Plans for the institutes in Binghamton, Buffalo, Utica, White Plains and New York City were begun under legislation enacted early in 1946. Provisions call for a total enrollment of 3500 students, and part-time, extension and evening courses are expected to double this figure.

Termed "a new venture in education," the institutes will offer two years of higher education to train youths as technicians in many occupational fields.

"Young people in the postwar period face a world of new inventions and technical processes, new achievements in the satisfaction of human wants and new demands for competence in citizenship, home relationships and community living," the State board of regents said in adding the institutes to its vast postwar education expansion program.

Jap Prisoners Treated Properly, Red Cross Reveals

Tokyo (U.P.).—Japanese captured by American forces during the war were treated properly, according to International Red Cross reports made to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

The report said Japanese prisoners of war and disarmed military personnel in United States Army and Navy camps through the Pacific were treated, fed and housed in strict accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention.

These reports outlined the findings of two members of the Japanese delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross who visited camps then housing approximately 74,591 POW's and DMP's (disarmed military personnel).

Delegates reported on conditions in camps on the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Chichi-jima of the Bonin group, Guam, Truk, Moen of the Central Caroline group, Dublon, Caroline group, and Pagan Island, Tinian and Saipan, of the Marianas. In all the camps visited, the POW's and DMP's expressed warm thanks for the treatment they received from their former enemies.

Two Transports T oArrive Today

By the Associated Press

Two vessels are scheduled to make Christmas day dockings at United States Ports with more than 2000 troops and Navy personnel.

The arrivals:

At New York—Newbern Victory from Leghorn.

At San Francisco—William Mitchell from Guam and Pearl Harbor.

Yesterday's arrivals at New York included: General M. B. Stewart, General Pope and General Omar Bundy, all from Bremerhaven; and Stevens Vitcory from Leghorn.

Mule Deer to You

Salem, Oreg. (U.P.).—A hunting club filed articles of incorporation with the State declaring that the purpose of the organization is to "seek, pursue, and acquire the cariaus macrote, that cervoid reminant with periodically deciduous frontal appendages, otherwise known as mule deer. . . ."

What's Going On and Where

Service Activities

Victory Canteen for Servicemen, 1113 Pennsylvania, ave. nw., games and refreshments, 3 p. m. to 11 p. m.; dinner at 5 p. m.

United Nations Service Center, 600 North Capitol st., informal dancing for all military personnel and their guests, 8 p. m.

Army and Navy USO, 1736 G st. nw., dinner invitations to homes; open house, 2:30 p. m.; Christmas party, 6 p. m.

USO, National Catholic Community Service, 1814 N st. nw., breakfast, 10 a. m.; buffet supper, 6 p. m.; dance with orchestra, 8 p. m.

USO, Penthouse Club, 17th and K sts. nw., Christmas dinner, 6:30 p. m.; dance, 8:30 p. m.

Public Events

Library of Congress, 1st and East Capitol sts., open 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

National Gallery of Art, 6th st. and Constitution ave., open 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Smithsonian Institution, 10th st. and Independence ave., open 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Women to Get Blood Test at New Center

By Gerald G. Gross
Post Reporter

Every Washington woman, regardless of the size of her purse, will have an opportunity to get an Rh-factor blood test, under plans for establishment of a special center, announced yesterday.

A comparatively new development in medical science, Rh-testing of pregnant women may mean the difference between their babies' life and death.

Drs. Oscar H. Hunter, jr., and John Ross of Georgetown University Medical School, disclosed that they will soon open a laboratory which will serve the indigent, without charge, as well as private patients. Its location has not yet been chosen but it probably will be near the I Street Medical Center, said Dr. Hunter.

"For Every Woman"

The laboratory will function in close cooperation with the Health Department and the Capital's obstetricians, said Dr. Hunter, in striving toward fulfillment of his goal of "an Rh test for every woman."

When blood transfusions are performed, as well as in ordinary pregnancy cases, dangers of blood incompatibility may be encountered which, if known in advance, are generally conquerable. Most feared of these conditions in the newborn is erythroblastosis.

Troubl may be expected in cases where the prospective mother tests Rh-negative and the husband positive. In such instances, the woman undergoes repeated tests at regular intervals and if they show that her blood is developing antibodies, it is likely that the newborn infant will show the jaundiced, anemic symptoms of erythroblastosis.

Advance Knowledge

Through advance knowledge of the emergency, however, all preparation for special transfusions will have been made when the baby is born.

The Rh-negative wife and the Rh-positive husband is the only potentially dangerous combination. Even where this exists, an emergency at birth is improbable if the woman's blood fails to produce antibodies during the pregnancy period.

Rh-testing centers similar to the type which Drs. Hunter and Ross will set up have been established in Baltimore and a few other cities.

Md. Couple to Mark 67th Anniversary

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP).—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor will celebrate their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary next Sunday in the Jarrettsville home where they have lived 66 years.

Taylor, who is 90, hearty and well, spent 73 years in the tombstone business. The couple have 7 children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Wedding 'Partners'

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

TEAMMATES TEAM UP—On the eve of Christmas, Jackie Coogan, the "Kid" who made us laugh and cry in the silent film era, and his theatrical partner, Ann McCormick, 22, applied yesterday in Los Angeles, for a license to wed. The ceremony, which will be Coogan's third, is scheduled tomorrow. The bride-to-be is formerly of Boston

Employment Reported at All-Time Peak

John D. Small, former Civilian Production chief, reported to President Truman yesterday that postwar reconversion gains have already boosted industrial production "at least 50 per cent above the average of the late 1930s . . . and for the last six months it has climbed from one peacetime record to another."

Small warned, however, that labor and management must work together to avoid further strikes or lose "much of the gain" in high production and employment achieved since the war ended.

At present, he said, virtually full employment has been reached, with 57 million to 58 million people in jobs—"the highest in the country's history."

This figure is six million higher than after VJ-Day, four million above the wartime peak and 14 million higher than in 1939, he said.

Adds Note of Caution

Blending optimism with caution, Small declared the nation's econmy is generally in a "healthy condition" and "it should be possible to achieve maximum output for most commodities within a reasonable period of time under the momentum that has been accumulated."

On the other hand, he told Mr. Truman in a final report on CPA:

"A new wave of work stoppages at this time or in the next few months could well lose for the country much of the gain that has been made in recent months."

Small emphasized that "some better solution" must be found for solving labor disputes and cautioned that "the exercise of wartime priority and allocation powers is not the solution."

Must Find Own Solution

"The solution must be reached," he said, "by management and labor working together, in the realization that production once lost cannot satisfy human needs, fill pay envelopes, or return profits to the owners.

"Major strikes of early 1946 delayed the achievement of today's record employment and production by several months. Their effects are still being felt in diminishing degree."

Set up in November, 1945, to take over activities of the old War Production Board, CPA was charged with helping industry along the war-to-peace conversion path through allocation of scarce materials, issuance of priorities to aid essential users obtain materials, and by preventing excessive exports and hoarding of items in short supply.

Small resigned about two weeks ago to return to private business.

Some Controls Still Needed

Government controls, which numbered 700 at the war-time peak, have been reduced to less than 50 and still others will be dropped soon.

Small said some controls "are still needed to prevent hoarding, to prevent excessive exports, to meet national emergencis such as the recent coal strike and to assist the housing program. However, it seems to me that the majority of the remaining CPA controls can safely be lifted in the near future."

The official declared that Administration of priority regulations "has become increasingly difficult" and that there is a growing public impatience with the continued use of wartime controls more than 15 months after the end of the war."

Va. Woman Professor To Get High Honor

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 24 (AP).—Harvard University reported today it would award, the Annie J. annon astronomy prize to Dr. Emma Williams Vyssoysky of the University of Virginia on Sunday evening.

The award, made every three years to women for distinguished contributions to astronomy, will be presented at a dinner meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

Dr. Vyssotsky earned her doctorate at Harvard Observatory and now is a member of the staff of Leander McCormick Observatory.

Bumper Crop Cuts Flower Prices

Chicago (U.P.). — Flower prices have dropped 10 to 15 per cent in the past three months, according to Hubert J. Wolfe, executive secretary of the Allied Florists' Association of Illinois.

However, he said, they are not expected to drop any more, although they still are higher than before the war.

The principal reason for the price drop is that the crop is one of the best in years, Wolfe said.

New varieties of roses are being sold for the first time since the war, he said. Of the approximately 24 varieties, Better Times accounts for about 60 per cent of the sales.

The famous American Beauty rose hasn't been sold for several years, Wolfe reported. Like all varieties of flowers, the strain finally lost its vigor after being marketed 30 years, or longer than any other variety ever sold commercially.

Jap Cockatoo Now Swears in American

Peleliu, Palau Islands (U.P.).—Pretty Boy, a snow white cockatoo, is the only "Jap" who has survived the United States occupation of this once-great stronghold of the Japanese army.

The cockatoo was the pet of a Colonel Tada, Japanese army chief of staff when the island was invaded by the First Marine Division on September 15, 1944. As the fighting progressed along Bloody Nose Ridge, Pretty Boy was taken to safety in a cave. He was found there by the Marines when the fighting ended.

Under the tutelage of his new master—Capt. Iris Monahan of Menominee, Wis.—the proud bird can give forth some of the best American swear words with no trace of his former Japanese accent.

4 Women Included

21 Are Killed In Argentine Plane Crash

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Dec. 24 (U.P.).—Twenty-one passengers and members of the crew, including four women, were killed when an Argentine state merchant air fleet plane crashed yesterday on a heavily wooded hill near here.

The plane was en route from London to Buenos Aires and several of the passengers were going home for Christmas, including Arturo Fassio, Argentine minister to Portugal.

Of the 22 persons on board, only Claudio Mendoza, a member of the Peruvian air force, survived. He was reported seriously injured.

Two British women passengers, an Italian woman and the Argentine stewardess were killed. Also among the dead were three British crewmen.

A relief party battled heavy mud under pouring rains to reach the scene of the crash. There had been no fire.

Enrique Lecroq, manager of the Argentine airline in Brazil, going home for Christmas, had both legs severed and died shortly after the relief party arrived.

Mendoza, though dazed, was able to give a coherent description of the tragedy. He said he had been dozing and was suddenly awakened by a heavy jolt and by the noise of one of the wings mowing the tree tops.

Giral Opposes Interim Rule Plan for Spain

Paris, Dec. 24 (U.P.).—Premier Jose Giral of the Spanish Republican regime in exile said today that any attempt to form a caretaker government inside Spain to replace the regime of Generalissimo Franco was bound to fail. The only solution, he asserted, was a cabinet based on his own shadow government.

In a written interview, Giral said a British plan outlined by Labor Party Secretary Morgan Philips for formation of a Centrist government in Spain "is impossible without Franco's consent and he would immediately oppose it, imprisoning anyone who sought to make it up."

Giral said economic penalties against Spain would force Franco's "immediate downfall." He disagreed with the reported British stand that such penalties would be useless while Argentina continued to trade with Spain.

Four Questions Answered

Giral answered four questions put to him by the United Press.

The text follows:

Q. Do you think a provisional government as outlined by Philips would enable Franco to step out of power?

A. Formation of an interim government in Spain is impossible without Franco's consent and he would immediately oppose it, imprisoning anyone who sought to make it up. Of emigrant governments there is and never can be any other government except that which I have the honor of heading. As soon as General Franco gives up power my government is qualified to take it up.

Q. Do you believe such a provisional government will be formed without extreme right or left elements?

A. I am unaware of plans or aims of the British government.

Claims All Parties

Q. Are all parties included in your government and do you believe a transition regime would pave the way for your government?

A. I do not believe any transition government would be workable. All parties from right to Republican left are represented in my government.

Q. Do you agree economic sanctions despite Argentine help would mean little to Franco?

A. I believe economic sanctions against the Franco regime would force his immediate downfall, even keeping intact his accord with Argentina. In reality this accord is no more than an exchange of merchandise and products.

Northern Baptists Find Ministerial Shortage

Chicago (U.P.).—There's a shortage of ministers, the theological education committee of the Northern Baptist Convention reports. A survey by the committee found that the rural field was "practically abandoned" to untrained or poorly trained clergy.

The committee found that only half of the denomination's clergy earn $1400 or more a year and that only 48 per cent had two years of college and three years of seminary training. Thirty-six per cent had standard college and seminary background.

Lip Reading Essential

Los Angeles (U.P.).—Deaf children must be taught to speak and read lips instead of relying on sign language if they are to be absorbed in society, according to Mrs. Louis Tracy, founder of the John Tracy Clinic for the Deaf.

Exportation Of U. S. Sugar Is Denied

By Ovid A. Martin
Associated Press Staff Writer

Sugar-hungry Americans demanding to know why we ship our sugar abroad at a time like this received assurance from the Agriculture Department yesterday:

We don't.

Sugar leaving American refineries for foreign areas this year will total around 460,000 short tons. But:

This sugar was grown in Cuba, not here. It did not belong to the United States, but was part of the Cuban crop allocated to Canada, Great Britain, France and other shortage areas.

It came to this country as raw sugar to be refined.

Having the sugar refined here provided more work for American workers. It could have been done elsewhere as easily.

U. S. Acts as Agent

The Agriculture Department says much confusion has developed in regard to the Cuban Sugar Crop, mainly because this country has been buying the bulk of it since early in the war. In doing so, the United States did not buy the crop for itself alone, but as an international agent for all the countries which normally depended upon Cuba for part or all their sugar needs.

Since early in the war, the Allied countries have been operating on a world-wide sugar-sharing plan. This was designed to keep a few countries from "hogging" the short world supply and leaving others without.

All export supplies were pooled. Each deficit country was alloted enough poolelt sugar so that with its own production it would have about the same percentage of the total world supply that it consumed before the war.

Plan to Be Continued

The United States was alloted enough of the Cuban crop to give it about 20 per cent of the total world supply. Before the war it consumed annually about 19 per cent of the world supply.

The United States portion of the Cuban supply this year amounts to about 2,200,000 short tons. Canada and European countries were alloted a total of about 1,600,000 tons—on which about 460,000 were refined in this country—and Cuba retained about 300,000 tons for export to other Latin-American countries.

Plans are being made to continue this world sharing plan through 1947.

Temporary Housing Units Are Cut Again

The Federal Public Housing Administration program for temporary housing for veterans has been cut another 12,000 units, it was revealed last night.

This is the second cut of this size since August, reducing the planned 200,000 temporary dwelling units for veterans to 176,000.

An agency spokesman reported the cutback would affect projects sponsored by scores of cities and colleges throughout the country.

Congress provided 445 million dollars for the program. The goal of 200,000 homes was exclusive of projects financed by cities and educational institutions to reconvert surplus Government buildings, such as Army barracks, into homes.

The cut, the FPHA spokesman said, was due to higher prices of building materials as the result of decontrol, as well as to higher wages.

All FPHA field officers have been instructed to concentrate on projects at least 88 per cent complete. In most cases the cutback will meanmean a reduction in the number of units in each project. However, some projects not yet started will be held up and others just begun will be halted.

Dillon S. Myer, FPHA commissioner, recently said he did not plan to ask for more funds for the program, recommending that any further funds should go into permanent housing.

Who Wants to Play Baseball on the Moon?

Chicago (U.P.).—If a baseball game were played on the moon, a hit would send the ball a quarter of a mile beyond the outfield and the batter would take 18-foot strides in making his home run.

This looney kind of sport was dramatized in a lecture entitled "All Aboard for the Moon," given in the Chicago Natural History Museum by Payl G. Dallwig, a layman lecturer for the museum.

The exaggerated results of such a game on the moon, Dallwig explained, would be due to the lesser pull of gravity there.

Colored Ballots Elect Chief

Window Rock, Ariz. (U.P.).—Differently-colored ballots were used in the election of Sam Ahkeah as chief of the Navajo Indian Tribal Council because of the 6400 voters on the reservation are unable to read.

Show Time in the Downtown Theaters

STAGE

National—"Up in Central Park," at 8:30 p. m.

SCREEN

Earle—"Till the End of Time," at 2:35, 5, 7:20 and 9:45 p. m.

Capitol—"The Show-Off," at 4:40, 7:20 and 9:55 p. m. stage shows at 3:445 at 6:25 and 9:05 p. m.

R. K. O. Keith5s—"Song of the South," at 9 and 10:50 a. m., 12:40, 2:30, 4:20, 6:15, 805 and 955 p. m.

Palace—"Till The Clouds Roll By," at 2, 4:25, 6:55 and 9:30 p. m.

Metropolitan—" The Return of Monte Crhisto," at 2, 3:40, 5:45, 7:50 and 9:55 p. m.

Columbia—"The Strange Woman," at 2, 3:55, 5:55, 7:50 and 9:45 p. m.

Little—"Henry V," at 2:30 and 8:30 p. m.

Hippodrome — "Wuthering Heights," at 2:05, 5:10 and 8:15 p. m. "The Eagle," at 3:50, 6:55 and 10:10 p.m.

Pix—"Murder in the Music Hall," at 2:15, 5:25 and 8:30 p. m. "Sunbonnet Sue," at 3:45, 6:50 and 10 p. m.

Ambassador—"Till the End of Time," at 1:15, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20 and 9:30 p. m.

Trans-Lux—Short subjects and newsreels, continuous, 10:15 a. m. to midnight.

O'Conor, Funk Differ on Race Track Measure

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 24 (AP).—Governer O'Conor said today that no race track taxation bill was being drawn up by adminnistration officials for the special session of the Legislature called for Friday.

This seemed to assure a one-day session, summoned for the purpose of providing funds for State employes' salaries, the public welfare department, and other special departmental requests.

However, in Baltimore, State Senator John B. Funk (D., Frederick) said that a bill would be introduced containing the modified version of the Sherbow Commission's proposals on race track taxes.

5 Per Cent Tax on Pimlico

The Baltimore City Council and Mayor McKeldin last night adopted a 5 per cent tax levy against Pimlico race track, but Funk said that this action would not affect the proposal to offer the Sherbow bill Friday.

"I think there is no question but that the bill prepared will be presented on Friday," Funk said, adding that the Legislative Council which backed the plan was going ahead on those lines.

Funk, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said that the City Council had pledged to repeal the Pimlico tax if the Legislature provides adequate revenue to the city before January 1. The city tax would set a bad precedent for local taxation, he said, and would solve only part of the problem since there was nothing in it to aid the counties.

Schedule Revised

Meanwhile, a revised opening day schedule for the 1947 meeting of the General Assembly was announced yesterday by Democratic State Central Committee Chairman Robert B. Ennis because the legal inaugural day coincides with New Year's Day.

Required to meet the first Wednesday in January, the legislators will hold their first session at 8 p. m. New Year's Day instead of the customary opening session at noon. This will allow party caucuses to be held the afternoon of January 1 instead of the previous night, Ennis said.

The Democratic caucus will select the presiding officers to be elected by the two chambers at the night session. The regular session officers, Senate President Lindsay (D., Balto County), and House Speaker White (D., Prince Georges) will preside at Friday's emergency meeting.

Richmond Hikes Taxes

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—The Richmond Common Council last night adopted a tax program which would increase the city's estimated income for 1947 by $2,690,000 and which includes a five per cent on amusements and a five per cent tax on utility bills.

The council cast a 14-8 vote in favor of the plan to make the bare two thirds majority required for adoption of a paper imposing a tax.

In addition to the tax on amusements reduced from a 10 per cent levy first proposed after meeting strong opposition from amusement interests, and to that on utilities, the program also includes these increases:

From 17 to 40 cents per $100 of gross sales of retail merchants, including for the first time beer and wine merchants, tourist homes and all eating places.

From 16 to 25 cents per $100 of purchases of wholesale merchants, including beer and wine wholesalers for the first time.

From 50 cents to $1 on each $100 of assessed valuation of machinery and tools.

To Them a 'Merry Christmas' From the Police Chief

Post Staff Photo

"AND THE SAME TO YOU"—Members of the Arlington Schoolboy Patrol, at their two-hour Christmas party yesterday in the Wilson Theater, received season's greetings and thanks "for a splendid job well done" from Police Chief Harry L. Woodyard. Those of the white-belted corps had done good work during the year

Dr. Davis Dead; Noted Plastic Surgery Expert

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP).—Dr. John Staige Davis, recognized pioneer in the field of plastic surgery and for whom one method of skin grafting is named, died yesterday at his home in suburban Guilford. He was 73 years old.

Dr. Davis wrote a textbook, "Plastic Surgery—Its Principles and Practice," in 1917, which is still regarded as an authoritative work on the subject. Many colleagues ranked him as the first surgeon to devote his attention exclusively to the field of plastic surgery.

Last year he was president of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons and he was chairman of the board at the time of his death.

He was a former vice president of the American Surgical Association and former president of the Southern Surgical Association.

He was an associate professor of surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1899, since 1923.

In addition to helping perfect what is known as the "Davis craft," Dr. Davis helped develop the "Z plastic" method of shifting scar tissue to eliminate the need of skin grafting in some plastic surgery cases.

Naval Airport Hearing Set Jan. 7 in Annapolis

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 24 (AP).—The Anne Arundel County commissioners, who already have indorsed the proposal, have set January 7 for a public hearing on the Naval Academy's plan to establish an airport in the Sandy Point area.

The commissioners called the hearing after residents of the Magothy River section lodged a protest against the proposed airport which is planned to cover 2500 acres.

Tommy Again In Hospital for Second Yuletide

Winchester, Va., Dec. 24 (Spl.).—Winchester's blue baby, tiny Tommy Fadeley, was 2 years old today—on the eve of Christmas.

And for the second time in his life he will spend the holiday in a hospital. But nurses made the occasion as happy as possible for the youngster who has been to Johns Hopkins twice for unsuccessful attempts at surgery by Dr. Albert Blalock and Dr. Helen Taussig. They had a birthday party for Tommy today including a white cake with two candles. Tomorrow there will be a Christmas tree and presents which started to arrive days ago.

After Christmas the youngster will go to Baltimore again. It is hoped that this time he will be strong enough to submit to corrective surgery.

Dr. Simpson Dies at 77 In Loudoun

Purcellville, Va., Dec. 24 (Spl.).—Dr. George Franklin Simpson, 77, a practicing physician here for 30 years, died at noon today in the Loudoun County Hospital after an illness of several months.

Born in Woodgrove, Va., he was the son of the late John Thomas Simpson and Rosanna Alder Simpson. He graduated in 1901 from the National University in Washington in both medicine and dentistry. After practicing and teaching dentistry in Washington until 1908, he came to Loudoun County. He first practiced medicine in Hillsboro and then in Purcellville.

Dr. Simpson was a past president of the Loudoun County Medical Society and of the Virginia State Medical Society. He was also a member of the American Medical Association and the District of Columbia Medical Society.

Active as a Mason, he was a member of Leesburg Chapter, No. 55; the Piedmont Commandery, K. T., The Plains; Acca Temple, Richmond, and the Shrine Club of Alexandria. He was also a member of Bethany Methodist Church, Purcellville.

His wife was the former Miss Maude Garner of Washington, who died several years ago. He has no immediate survivors.

Father Sentenced For Assaulting Boy

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP).—John L. Walpole, charged with assaulting and striking his 8-year-old son, whom he accused of "holding back" money from street-corner Christmas tree sales, was sentenced to three months in the house of correction today.

Patrolman Earl Barnes testified before Magistrate Henry B. Mann that he heard several threats from a milling crowd of 200 persons as he arrested Walpole.

The boy, Charles, testified that he had helped his father all day, and when Walpole returned from a nearby tavern he accused him of taking money fro mthe sales, and began beating him.

Gov.-Elect Lane Asked to Back 6-Million Asylum Program

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP).—Governor-Elect William Preston Lane was asked today by the Citizens Committee for Mental Hygiene to support a six-million-dollar budget increase for State mental institutions and a $600,000 appropriation for a new hospital.

The new proposal calls for the erection and staffing of the psychiatric institute in Baltimore.

The committee declared that "our mental institutions are far below the level of those functioning in many other States" in calling for approval of the budget request of Dr. George H. Preston, mental hygiene commissioner.

Increased funds are needed, the committee said, to correct understaffing, overcrowding improper housing, low salaries, and the like.

A most "essential need," the group added, is "for more and better trained personnel," and "it is necessary to offer them more advantageous conditions." The personnel should be instructed at the psychiatric institute, the report said.

Immediate improvement of therapeutic facilities was recommended on the basis of surveys of the mental hospitals.

"We believe," the committee said, "that these conditions interfere with the treatment and cure of the mentally ill, and we urge that the same consideration be given these patients as is accorded the physically ill. As taxpayers, we believe that money put to such use will be money saved.

The combined budget requests for the five State mental hospitals amounts to $12,234,414 compared with $6,130,202 voted for the current biennium.

The letter to the Governor-elect was signed by Mrs. William Simpson, 11, chairman of the committee organized November 4.

U. S. Aides to Visit Southern Md., Help On Income Forms

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP).—Deputy internal revenue collectors will visit Maryland communities next month to assist taxpayers to file amended income tax returns and farmers to fill out their estimated income tax forms for this year.

The communities and dates on which the collectors will be there include:

Southern Maryland: Annapolis, postoffice, January 2 to 15; Leonardtown, courthouse, January 6, 7 and 8; Mechanicsville, County Trust Co., January 2; Indian Head, USO Building, January 3; La Plata, courthouse, January 9 and 10; Upper Marlboro, First National Bank Building, January 9, 10, 13, 14 and 15; Solomons, County Trust Co., January 6; Prince Frederick, County Trust Co., January 7 and 8; Hyattsville, County Service Building, January 8 and 9; Laurel, Citizen's National Bank, January 2 and 3; Silver Springs, Suburban National Bank, January 6 and 7; Bethesda, Bank of Bethesda, January 6 and 7; Sandy Springs, Sandy Springs National Bank, January 8; Rockville, Welfare and Recreational Center, main building, January 9, 10, 13, 14 and 15.

Newly-Hired Watchman Nabs Intruder in Dairy

Frederick, Md., Dec. 24 (Spl).—A watchman's first night on the job resulted in the arrest of a Negro intruder early this morning, State Police announced as they booked Austin Ross, near Jug Bridge, on a charge of breaking and entering.

Police said Charles Burras, a former Frederick policeman, who started his watchman's duties Monday night at a local dairy, surprised a man in the act of stealing several dressed chickens from a deep freeze unit. During a tussle that ensued the intruder made his escape, but was later captured when Burns summoned police. The watchman identified Ross as the intruder.

Ex-Flier Killed, Two Badly Hurt In Va. Auto Crash

Norton, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—O. V. (Buddy) Wendell, jr., 25-year-old former Army Air Forces flight officer, died at Norton Hospital today of injuries received in a two-car accident last night in which his mother and younger brother were seriously injured.

The Wendells, with Buddy Wendell's wife, were returning from Appalachia to their home at Big Stone Gap after attending a concert in which Glenn Wendell, 17, took part, when their car was in a head-on collision with tnother machine occupied by two Negroes.

The injured members of the Wendell family were brought here, where Buddy, a student at VPI, died several hours later. His wife escaped injury.

The driver of the other car, Lonnie E. Cannon, Negro, was jailed at Wise on charges of drunken driving, reckless driving and operating a car without a driver's license. His companion, Carson Burdine, was slightly injured but released from Appalachia Hospital after treatment.

Va. Youth, 16, Held In Rink Killing

Grundy, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—A 16-year-old boy has been arrested on a charge of murder in the death of J. B. Hensley, 20, of Grundy, according to State Trooper F. A. Porterfield.

Hensley died in a Grundy hospital Sunday from knife wounds inflicted in a fight at a skating rink on the Grundy-Raven highway Saturday.

Porterfield said the boy was released under $1000 bond pending preliminary hearing December 27.

Hearing Set Jan. 21 On Md. Phone Rates

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP).—A petition by the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. for a general rate increase will be heard Tuesday, January 21, the Public Service Commission announced. The company is seeking telephone rates estimated to yield $3,500,000 additional annual gross revenue.

Virginia Deal For Hospital In Final Stage

By the Associated Press

Negotiations for the acquisition of Woodrow Wilson Hospital, by Virginia and Augusta County probably will be completed by January 15, a War Assets Administration spokesman said yesterday.

The State and county have filed applications with the WAA regional office in Richmond for use of the former Army hospital near Staunton as a vocational rehabilitation center, a vocational high school and a consolidated high school.

Approval by WAA, the final step in the negotiations, is not expected to require much time, the WAA official said. The property already has been advertised.

The State and WAA have had off-and-on discussions of the war surplus property since last summer. The State at one time considered using the hospital for a tuberculosis sanatorium.

During the negotiations, Governor Tuck took the position the State should acquire the property with no strings attached. The WAA said the law requires the State to outline specifically its intended use of the property.

The WAA spokesman said the new plan for rahibilitation and school use will not prevent a 100 per cent discount by the Federal Government, since it will be for "the benefit of the natoinal economy."

There is usually a reversionary clause of 20 years during which the State cannot sell or dispose of the property.

3 Firemen Hurt In Baltimore Blaze

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP).—Three firemen were injured, two seriously, in a five-alarm fire which caused unestimated damage today to the seven-story Grant Building in downtown Baltimore.

Capt. Graham McBurnie and Fireman Charles Nemec were taken to Mercy Hospital in a serious condition after falling 25 feet when a ladder was knocked from the side of the building. Capt. Elmer Katzenberger suffered a badly lacerated hand from broken glass.

Midtown traffic was snarled for more than two hours as fire apparatus jammed the area. The blaze was confined to the first two floors of the building.

Boy, 15, Convicted In Fatal Shooting

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP).—Criminal Court Judge E. Paul Mason yesterday convicted Robert C. Wright, 15, on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of his 13-year-old playmate, Richard Wayne Truman.

Sentence was deferred pending a possible motion for a new trial.

Truck Kills Va. Youth

Marion, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—Dr. D. C. Boatwright, Smyth County coroner, reported today that J. T. Rose, 16, was killed in a fall from a truck 12 miles south of Marion last night. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rose; three sisters and a brother.

Area Prepares For Best Yule In Many Years

By the Associated Press

Untinged by clouds of war, labor strife or hard times, and with most of the men she sent into the battle against the Axis once again civilians, Maryland prepared yesterday to usher in its most joyous Christmas in many years.

In keeping with the true significance of the holiday, churches in every community of the Free State will hold special services in celebration of the Nativity.

All Catholic and many Protestant churches will hold special midnight services.

Travel Crush Less

Thousands of Marylanders crowded trains, busses and airplanes, but officials of public transportation companies said that more persons apparently were spending the Yule in their own homes this year, as the travel crush had not reached the proportions of recent Christmases.

The weatherman forecast a fair day with moderate temperatures.

Most towns were decorated for the occasion and the community Christmas trees glittered with tinsel and lights.

Harried store workers were trying to cope with the last-minute rush of a banner gift-buying season, and many department and other stores announced they would be closed both today and Thursday in order to give employes more time off.

Sturdier Toys Sold

The children will find sturdier toys in greater selection under the trees today than have been available since Pearl Harbor. Such childhood delights as electric trains, metal coaster wagons, real leather baseball mitts and construction sets were to be had in abundance.

Employes of the huge Glenn L. Martin Co. near Baltimore got a Christmas bonus in the form of one-twelfth of a month's pay for each full month they have worked during the year. The management of the aircraft company said the total amount of the bonuses amounted to about three quarters of a million dollars.

Many other industrial and business firms distributed bonuses or other Christmas gifts among their workers.

Attention, Smithfield!

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—Yes, Virginia, your Governor will have ham for his Christmas dinner tomorrow.

Iowa ham!

Such a pork portion reposed today—of all places—in the thoroughly Confederate oven at the Executive Mansion.

It came as a gift from Iowa's Gov. Robert D. Blue. With it came a poetic greeting that said . . . "To uphold good eating, as a Christmas tradition, with corn-fed succulence that defies competition."

Governor Tuck, grateful for the gift, wasn't inclined to go into the matter of "defies competition."

There were no reports from the Smithfield precinct.

Joy for Welfare Youths

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—The spirit of Christmas, with all the trimmings, will prevail in most State institutions tomorrow.

All children under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Public Welfare, who were languishing in jails for various crimes throughout the State, have been removed to receiving or detention homes where they will enjoy Christmas trees, parties and the usual bountiful dinner tomorrow.

FPHA Faces Suit In Housing Halt

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—Lawrence M. Cox, executive director of the Norfolk Housing Authority, says legal proceedings will be started against the Federal Public Housing Authority to compel it to fulfill its contract for a 281-unit housing project for Negro veterans if the FPHA does not withdraw its order which halted work on the development Saturday.

The city of Norfolk has furnished the land for the project and has completde the paving of streets and laying of water and sewer mains.

A notification of the imminent proceedings has been forwarded to the FPHA regional headquarters in Atlanta, according to Cox.

Toll Rises to Five In W. Va. Fire

Morgantown, W. Va., Dec. 24 (AP). Ward Reckart, 26, and 7-year-old Ward, jr., died in a hospital yesterday of burns suffered in a fire which took the lives of his wife, Mrs. Leona Reckart, 25, and two small daughters and destroyed their three-room frame dwelling at Hazelton, Preston County.

Navy Elevates Editor

Charles Town, W. Va., Dec. 24 (AP). The Secretary of the Navy announced that Morton C. Mumma, jr., managing editor of two weekly newspapers here, had been promoted to the rank of rear admiral on the retired list. Mumma, as commander of a submarine, won a Navy Cross for torpedoing an enemy destroyer while his craft was being depth bombed.

Flight Aborted

Plane Dives Into Home; None Injured

Tangier, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—A children's Christmas party and a flight home for the holidays were interrupted today when a plane crashed on Tangier Island, damaging the home of Norris Angle.

No one was seriously injured.

John Fletcher of Parksley, Va., the pilot, was taking Carroll Hayne, a native of Tangier, home for Christmas when they crash-landed. The Angle children and their guests escaped without injury. Fletcher and Hayne were treated for minor cuts and bruises.

2-Day Quads Make Debut In Movies

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP).—The Henn quadruplets, now two days old, posed—if it could be called that—for the movies today.

The three sons and one daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henn, born to the British war bride Sunday night, were photographed by cameramen of three newsreel companies in company with their physician, Dr. Thomas S. Bowyer, at St. Agnes Hospital.

The parents also were under the floodlights, looking over their immense stack of Christmas mail.

Other patients came out of their rooms to watch the proceedings, and one nun and her aides arranging Christmas decorations gave up the job to watch.

In her room, the mother of the quads put on powder and lipstick for the first time in many days. Since the babies are taken out of their incubators only to be weighed, Mrs. Henn has not seen them since birth.

The youngsters were measured for the first time today. Thomas is 15½ inches, Donald 17, Bruce 17½, and Joan 17¼. They are fed glucose and water every two hours.

Meanwhile, the gifts continue to pile up. A Newark, Ohio, contractor has offered Henn a house and a job in that city, and another offer of a home rent-free came from Tyler, Texas, but the war veteran hopes he won't have to leave Baltimore.

"I much prefer to make my home here," Henn said.

Md. Traffic Toll Off in 11 Months

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP).—Traffic fatalities in the State through November of this year showed a 1 per cent decline from the corresponding period of last year, the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission said today.

For the first 11 months of this year, the total was 381 as compared with 385 for the corresponding months last year. The commission said the decrease in Maryland occurred in the face of a national increase of 25 per cent.

Forty persons were killed on Maryland roads and highways last month, and 714 were injured in a total of 1448 reported accidents.

Va. Farmer Gets Pre-Yule Parole

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 24 (Spl.).—Circuit Judge Leon M. Bazile has given David Shooks, 60-year-old King George County farmer, a Christmas present of 12 days.

Although his year's term does not expire until January 3, the jurist freed the elderly man yesterday so that he could spend the holidays at home.

Shooks went to jail last January after he was found seated in his own home beside the body of John Conway Grigsby, 46, a neighbor, with a shotgun in his arms. He was charged with murder, but was convicted of assault and battery by a jury.

Witnesses testified Shooks and Grigsby had been drinking heavily the day Grigsby was killed.

New Exchange Club

Winchester, Va., Dec. 25.—An Exchange Club has been organized in Winchester with Joseph A. Massie, jr., local attorney, elected to serve as the first president. Other officers are Charles H. Dick, secretary, and Dr. L. M. Bell, treasurer.

R. W. Jenkins Rites Held in Charles Town

Charles Town, W. Va., Dec. 24 (Spl.).—Services are to be held here Thursday for Robert W. Jenkins, 71, contractor and builder, who died yesterday at his home here after an extended illness.

He was a native of Loudoun County, Va., son of the late Thomas White and Harriet Stickles Jenkins. He had lived here and adjoining Ranson the greater part of his life, specializing in concrete work.

The wife, former Miss Bessie Lillian McGolrick of Charles Town, survives with six sons and two daughters.

Services were held yesterday in Washington for a sister of Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Lizzie McGolrick Poston of that city.

Walter M. Humphrey

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 24.—Funeral services were held at Mount Airy Baptist Church in Stafford County yesterday for Walter M. Humphrey, 47, who died late Friday night aboard a cabin cruiser which was taking him and two other local men down the Rappahannock River on a duck-hunting expedition.

Humphrey is survived by his wife, three sons and a brother. He was a veteran of World War II.

George W. Breeden

Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Services will be held here Thursday afternoon for George Washington Breeden, 86, native of Page County, Va., but residing here most of his life, who died yesterday at his home. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Breeden and was employed for many years in a quarrying operation here until retired. Surviving are seven sons and three daughters, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one brother.

Mrs. Julia F. Hoffman

Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Services were held from Beth Jacob Synagogue here yesterday for Mrs. Julia Fine Hoffman, 75, former businesswoman here, who was found dead in her apartment here Sunday about noon. It was thought she had been dead some hours. Death was laid to natural causes. She retired in 1930, and married C. Hoffman of Waynesboro, Pa., where they resided until his death 10 years ago when she moved here. She was active in the business and civic life here for years. Surviving are four sons, Attorney Reuben Fine, Washington; Nathan Fine, Hancock, Md.; Harry and Solomon Fine, this city.

Miss Colleen Lewis

Winchester, Va., Dec. 24.—Funeral services were held here today for Miss Colleen Lewis, 25, who was instantly killed early Sunday morning when a car in which she was riding left the highway. In addition to her parents, seven brothers and sisters survive.

Frye Gets 5 Years In Price Slaying

Woodstock, Va., Dec. 24 (AP).—Calvin O. Frye, 23, yesterday was convicted by a Shenandoah County Circuit Court jury of voluntary manslaughter in the June 8 shooting death of Leo Price, 29, and sentenced to five years in the State penitentiary.

The jury returned the verdict about 7 p. m. after two hours deliberation. Counsel for the defendant did not note an appeal.

Testimony in the case, heard by Judge Elliott Marshall, was to the effect that Price struck Frye on the neck while the two were riding in an automobile with two young women. The young women said that Frye then drew a .22-caliber revolver and shot Price, who died 10 minutes later. Frye testified that he could recall no details of the shooting, stating that the blow on the neck apparently caused him to lose consciousness temporarily.

Guests Unaware of Fire In Martinsburg Hotel

Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 24 (Spl.).—A fire threat at midnight in a downtown hotel here was controlled by city firemen before it could make any headway and before guests knew of the threat.

Firemen blamed the blaze on an overheated furnace which set fire to the chimney.

Livestock and Produce

Richmond Markets

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24 (AP) (USDA).—Market report: Fruits and vegetables (prices represent sales on wholesale market).

WHITE POTATOES—Supplies moderate, market steady U. S. No. 1, Virginia, New Jersey and Long Island, 10-lb. sacks, 2.75@3.25.

SWEET POTATOES — Receipts moderate, market firm; 50-lb. sacks, Virginia, North Carolina and New York, 2.75@3.00.

APPLES—Supplies liberal, market steady; bushel baskets, U. S. No. 1, 2½-in. and larger, Virginia, Red Delicious, 3.75@4.25; Stayman, 2.75@3.50; Winesaps, 3.50@3.75; Yorks, 2.75@3.00.

TOMATOES—Receipts fairly liberal, market about steady; Florida, lugs, 3.50@5.50.

EGGS—(Prices paid net to producers f.o.b. Richmond)—Receipts moderate, market about steady; whites and browns, U. S. grade A, large, 53@55 doz.; U. S. grade C, 40 doz.; nearby ungraded current receipts, 55 lbs. and up, 45@50 doz.; pullets, 35 doz.

LIVE POULTRY—(Prices paid net to producers f.o.b. Richmond)—Receipts light, supplies generally well cleared; market steady; broilers and fryers, colored, 32@38 lb.; fowl, colored, 30 lb.; Leghorns, 18@20 lb.; old roosters, 18@20 lb. Turkeys, mixed lots, young hens, 40@42 lb.; light and medium-weight toms, 30@32 lb.; heavy toms, 23@25 lb.; straight lots, hens, 45 lb.

HOGS—Supplies liberal, market steady with Monday on all weights; barrows, gilts and sows, top 22.00 for good and choice 160 to 240 lb. barrows and gilts; 100 to 120 lbs., 19.00; 120 to 140 lbs., 20.00; 140 to 160 lbs., 20.50; 240 to 30 0lbs., 21.50; 300 lbs. and up, 21.00. Good sows, all weights, 18.5; good stags, 17.00.

CATTLE—Very little activity on slaughter cattle; light receipts of steers sold steady Monday, largely from 18.00 to 21.50 on medium to good kinds. Cows quotable steady; canners and cutters 7.00@10.00; medium dairy type 10.00@12.00; good beef cows 12.00@15.00; vealers steady at 23.00 down, according to quality.

CALVES—Receipts, 75; nominally steady; good and choice vealers largely 21.00@23.00; few strictly choice, 25.00; common and medium, 14.00@19.00; culls down to 10.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 100; active; barrows and gilts 1.00 higher than Monday; sows 75 cents higher, practical top 24.25; good and choice 120-140 lbs., 23.00; 140-155 lbs., 23.50; 155-240 lbs., 24.25; 260-300 lbs., 23.75; 300-350 lbs., 23.25; 300 lbs. up, 23.00; good and choice sows, 20.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 25; nominally steady; good and choice wooled lambs 25.00 down; good and choice slaughter ewes 9.00 down.

POULTRY—Practically no receipts or offerings; supplies cleaned up well on late sales Monday; supplies insufficient to determine market price but dealers indicate little change in Monday quotations with somewhat firmer feeling on heavy fowl and large roasters.

EGGS—Market slightly weaker; receipts moderate to plentiful with demand clearing satisfactorily; wholesale selling prices: A, extra large, 58@59, few 60@63; large, 56@58; few 58; mediums, 45@46; B, large, 42@43; medium, 38@40; C, large, 36@37; current receipts, unwashed, 44@48.

75 cents to 1.00 higher; most good and choice sows 20.50@21.00; good clearance; shippers took 3000.

SALABLE CATTLE—Receipts, 4500; total 4500; salable calves, 700; total 700; good to choice steers and yearlings steady; only moderately active at 23.00 upward; top 29.00 paid for 1100 to 1200 pound averages; several loads 24.00@28.50; strictly medium grade steers strong to 25 cents higher at 16.50@20.00; heifers steady; best 22.50 but choice mixed offerings 26.00; all cows strong; bulls & shade higher; vealers firm at 23.00 down; odd head 24.00; canner and cutter cows, 9.75@11.50; most beef cows, 12.00@18.00; stock cattle fairly active, scarce; firm at 18.00 down to 15.00 and below.

SALABLE SHEEP—Receipts, 2000; total 2000; active; slaughter lambs fully 25 cents higher; spots up more; around four doubles, good and choice fed Western wooled lambs and a load or so comparable natives, 23.00. One top; few loads and decks mostly good grade natives and Westerns, 22.75; including double 78-pound shortfed Westerns; common to medium throwouts, 17.00 down; slaughter ewes steady; small lots mixed grade natives, 7.25.

Chicago Livestock

Chicago, Dec. 24 (AP) (USDA).—SALABLE HOGS—Receipts, 8000; total 15,000; weights 240 down fairly active, 75 cents to 1.00 higher; good and choice 170 to 240 pounds, 23.75@24.00; top 24.00 paid freely; few sales 240 to 270 pounds also 75 cents to 1.00 up at 23.50@23.75, but most sales, weights 250 pounds and over, only 50 to 75 up; these slow and closing barely 50 cents up; bulk good and choice 280 to 300 pounds, 23.00@23.50; sows steady, unchanged, 44@48.

Baltimore Livestock

Baltimore, Dec. 24 (AP) (USDA).—CATTLE—Receipts, 50; nominally steady; common and medium cows, 11.00@14.00; canners and cutters, 8.00@10.00; medium and good weighty sausage bulls, 15.00@16.00; light and medium weights, 11.50@14.50.

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Barnaby
He's delighted with all his toys, John.
Jack Barby had three
Of course.
There was an extra present, son. The one you asked for. A chemical set. Er, Santa must have misplaced it . . .
Merry Christmas, m'boy— May the Yuletide season gladden—
Thanks, Mr. O'Malley.
Gosh, Pop. Look what I got from my Fairy Godfather. A chemical set . . . He thinks of everything, doesn't he?
But—

Treaty Alone To Take Reds Out of Dairen

By William H. Newton
(Representing the Combined World Press)

Dairen, Manchuria, Dec. 20 (Delayed) (AP). — Soviet Russia, I learned today, intends to retain full control of the city of Darien—gateway to Manchuria—and will keep her military forces htere until after the peace treaty is signed with Japan.

This will be done under a technical definition of a clause in the Chinese-Russian pact concerning Dairen, which says "in peacetime Darien is not included in the sphere of efficacy of naval base regulations determined by agreement on Port Arthur of August 14, 1945, and shall be subject to military supervision or control in this zone only in the case of war against Japan."

Technically Still at War

"In peacetime" is the catch. Technically, China and Russia still are at war with Japan until a peace treaty is signed.

Despite the fact that American correspondents were refused permission to enter the city a comprehensive picture of conditions under Soviet rule has been obtained from neutral and Chinese sources.

Dairen is a cold, depressed, dismal city. Life is almost as closely regulated as behind the iron curtain.

The only currency is Soviet military script. Industry is paralyzed. Hunger and unemployment is widespread. Prices are wildly inflated.

Russian and Chinese civilian who lived there before and during the war eke out an existence of privation and fear. Summary arrests and punishment are the rule rather than the exception.

No Freedom of Speech

There is no freedom of speech or the press.

Petty cruelties to the Chinese and White Russians are an almost daily occurrence.

The Soviets are making full use of American lend-lease, including Liberty ships, planes and motor vehicles of all sorts. The only observable transport the Soviet army has in Dairen is American.

There are indications that the fear which rules the daily lives of the Chinese people, also haunts the lives of the Soviet masters. Soviet military and diplomatic representatives seemingly live in terror of taking any step unless cleared first with the Kremlin.

Observers believe it was these fears of making decisions which prompted General Korkhanoff to order a U. S. Navy courier to leave the port.

Chinese Naval Craft Barred

Nanking, Dec. 24 (AP).—Official Chinese sources today said even Chinese naval vessels are not able to enter Dairen although the 16-month-old Sino-Soviet treaty provides that Dairen shall be an open port, jointly administered by Chinese and Russian authorities.

Polish Police Held Beating Candidates

Warsaw, Dec. 24 (AP).—Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, leader of the Polish Peasant Party (PSL) declared today Poland's secret police had embarked on a campaign of intimidation of PSL candidates in Gestapo style to force them to withdraw their names from parliamentary election lists.

The vice premier said in a news conference that many nominees were beaten and immersed in bitterly cold water, then imprisoned in damp cellars for days. He said they were released only upon agreeing to withdraw as candidates. Most of this, he said, occurred in the Silesian and Pomeranian provinces.

The vice premier said that, of a total of 854 PSL parliamentary candidates, 65 were now imprisoned and 49 names had been striken off the lists by election commissioners.

The government has generally been denying Mikolajczyk's accusations.

The vice premier estimated 30,000 PSL members have been arrested.

SHIP

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Soviets would be able to work out these arrangements for a transfer of control, but we recognize that it is a matter to be handled by those two governments."

White said that the official information received by the State Department was in the nature of a preliminary report. This left the way open for a further American declaration, should that be considered necessary, o.. the basis of later reports which might deal more clearly with the question of the so-called ultimatum.

Senator Stewart (D-Tenn.), declaring "We've been entirely too easy" with Russia, yesterday urged a thorough investigation into the "verbal ultimatum." He told a reporter:

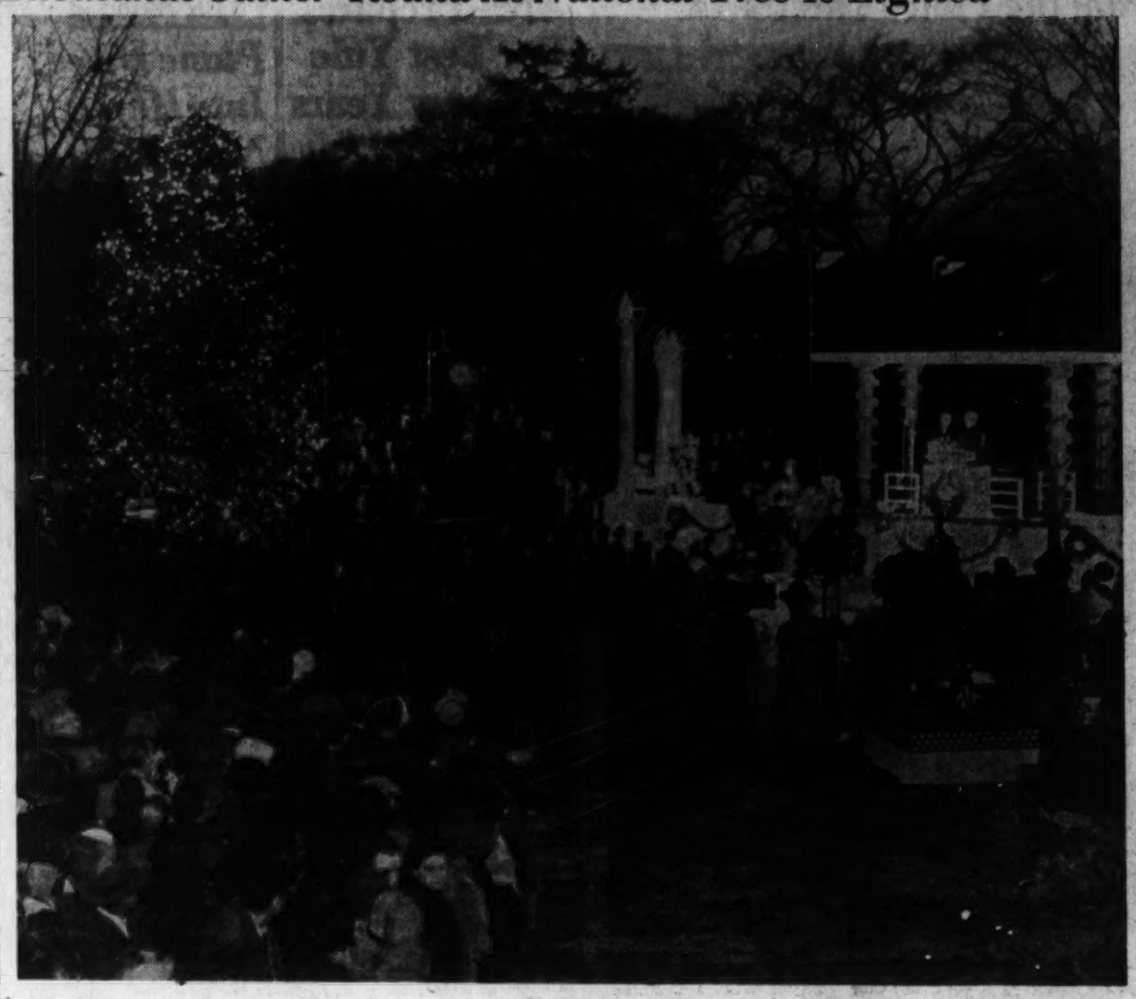
"This is a matter which ought to be gone into thoroughly. I will be much interested to see what the State Department and the Navy have to say."

U.S. Ship Splits in Two; British Rescue Crew

Deal, England, Dec. 24 (AP).—The 600-ton United States merchant ship Northeastern Victory wallowed in two pieces on the treacherous Goodwin Sands tonight, her back broken just forward of the bridge and her engineroom flooded.

Crew members were brought ashore by lifeboa and reported that the ship carried an 8000-ton cargo of United States Army stores.

Thousands Gather 'Round As Natio..al Tree Is Lighted



Post Staff Photo—Ellis

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS—President Harry S. Truman, on the platform at right with Edward J. Kelly of the National Capital Parks, lights the national Christmas tree (left) last evening on the White House Grounds. A crowd of more than 9000 men, women and children heard the President say, "May 1947 entitle us to the benediction of the Master: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God'."

TALMADGE

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House Speaker Roy V. Harris, one of the Talmadge advisors, announced, however, that campaign headquarters would be opened Thursday in a downtown hotel for the election of Herman by the legislature.

The legislative decision pitting the forces of Talmadge against those of the Arnall-Thompson faction concededly will find its way to the Supreme Court. Arnall gave notice he would not relinquish the office to anyone but Thompson.

Showdown Cames January 13

The initial showdown will come January 13 when the General Assembly convenes. First order of business is the canvass at a joint session of the general election votes for governor.

Should the Talmadge forces control, they could declare a vacancy in the office and proceed with a vote on the two high men in write-in vote which was cast. These two are Herman Talmadge and Carmichael, who has announced he would not accept the office on the basis of a legislative election.

But if the Talmadge move failed, the Arnall-Thompson faction would be in position to call for a canvass of the votes for lieutenant governor and the certification of Thompson to that office. Arnall then would resign in favor of Thompson.

Cites Constitution

In that event Thompson could serve until a successor for the unexpired term—in this case two more years—was elected at the 1948 general election. Should Herman win out in the legislature and the courts he would be entitled to a full four-year term.

Citing a provision of the constitution fixing the term of a governor as four years and until his successor is chosen and qualified, Arnall said:

"Under this view, which I believe to be correct, I am constitutionally entitled to retain the office of governor for four more years. I do not desire to extend my tenure of office through a technical legal argument."

He then told in detail of his plan to hold over until Thompson took the lieutenant governor's oath, asserting the people had said in the primary and general election that they wished Thompson to succeed to the governor's office "if for any reason the governor then elected was unable to serve."

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paigned together every two years in complete harmony, with the single purpose of keeping progessive American policy in full effect in Ohio. Our joint interest today is in eliminating what remains of totalitarianism and New Dealism in Washington bureaus—and there is still plenty of it.

Will Do Job First

"As for Presidential politics, it is still 18 months before the Republican convention of 1948. The Republicans have a difficult and full time job of reorganizing Congress and enacting a Republican program on the immediate problems now before the American people. The less personal ambitions and Presidential politics are mixed up with that job, the more likely we are to succeed. As far as I am concerned, I will make no decision on the question of being a candidate for President until our legislative job is done and Congress has adjourned."

Top Credit for Stalin

London, Dec. 24 (U.P.).—Radio Moscow today quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky as giving Generalissimo Joseph Stalin top credit for the Soviet delegation's success at the United Nations General Assembly in New York through his "day by day leadership."

SAFETY

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ployes plus use of th estringent safety code of the National Fire Protection Association, Baker said fire hazards in Government buildings have been so reduced "that they are considered safer than the average office building."

In the first eight months of 1946, fire damage was less than $7 for each fire. Seventy-five per cent of the fires, he said, were traceable to careless disposal of lighted matches or other smoking materials. Waste baskets, awnings, trash and files are where most fires originate.

Fire codes for rented buildings are those promulgated by the District; but they are supplemented by constant research in fire protective equipment, training for all employes of the Public Buildings Administration, and warning posters.

A renovation and modernization program has been prepared by W. E. Reynolds, commissione of the administration, which will attempt additional fire protection for Government buildings. Reynolds is also chairman of the Federal Fire Cuoncil.

TRUMAN

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in the town of Bethlehem. He recalled the glad tidings that the shepherds heard from the angels, and took that as his theme.

Christ's Teachings Vindicated

"The message of Bethlehem," he said, "best sums up our hopes tonight. If we as a Nation, and the other nations of the world, will accept it, the star of faith will guide us into the place of peace as it did the shephedrs on that day of Christ's birth long ago."

He talked of the golden rule, also, and pointed out that history has always vindicated the teachings of Christ.

"We have this glorious land," he said, "not because of a particular religious faith, not because our ancestors sailed from a particular foreign port. We have our unique national heritage because of a common aspiration to be free and because of our purpose to achieve for ourselves and for our children the good things of life which the Christ declared He came to give all mankind."

Mr. Truman then bespoke his hope that 1947 would be a year that would bring forth the benediction, "Blessed are the peacemakers . . ."

"Merry Christmas," he said in closing, "and may God bless you all!"

Musician Edward Masters of the U. S. Marine Band, played a cornet solo, "Cantique de Noel," the Choristers sang "Adeste Fideles," and the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John J. Reilly of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, said a moving benediction.

Then, as Capt. William F. Santelmann led the Marine Band in "Hail to the Chief," President Truman started back through the darkness to the White House. Alongside him strode his good friend, Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder.

Mr. Truman plans to board his plane, the Sacred Cow, this morning and fly to his home in Independence, Mo., where he will join his family.

Yesterday was a holiday at the White House. Mr. Truman had no appointments, but during the morning he walked across to the State Department and joined in a farewell party for Edwin L. Locke, jr. Locke resigned the day before as special assistant to the President in order to become vice president of the Chase National Bank.

Later in the day, Mr. Truman and a few friends motored through the bright sunshine to the Navy Yard, where they had luncheon aboard the yacht Williamsburg.

YULE

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thinning crowds in downtown stores.

The transportation masses, which hit a peak last Friday, had dwindled considerably yesterday, but Union Station, bus lines and National Airport had more than comfortable crowds. Most of yesterday's business was short haul, transportation officials said.

Preparation Rush Over

By early night, the headlong rush of preparation was over. Department stores, sending hundreds of clerks home for Christmas eve, darkened. On the shelves of most was a bumper surplus of toys. Many shoppers cut prices in the late hours to clean out stocks.

Hundreds of Christmas trees which glutted an over-bought market, leaned forlornly in lots, good only for firewood or the ceremonial three burning on Twelfth Night—January 6.

Night brought a beginning of reverance, of caroling, preparation for midnight masses in the Catholic churches and the soft serenity that only Christmas Eve can bring in the home.

Children, awaiting Santa's bounty, went to bed wide-eyed with thoughts of morning and the gifts under the tree—a custom symbolic of the gifts presented by the Three Wise Men to the Infant Christ in a Bethlehem manger 1946 years ago.

Lights Festival Ends

The area's JJewry concluded the final observances of Chanukah, the Feast of Lights, ending the eight-day festival today.

An exchange of spiritual comradeship was made by the Protestant clergy and the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

The day will see practically all the city's business at a standstill. There will be no mail deliveries except specials and perishable packages and pick-up will be on a full holiday schedule with trucks leaving the stations at 5:30 and 9:30 p. m. Government offices, courts, banks, all memorials and most stores will be closed.

National Weather Summary

Copr. 1946 Rev. L. A. Wagner

24-HOUR FORECAST: Fair weather will prevail in most parts of the United States Christmas day, but a developing storm center over the lower Ohio Valley may bring a greatly changed picture and stormy conditions to the Northeast, later.

Southern California and the southeastern coast of Florida will experience light rain and showers, as will southern portions of Nevada, Utah and western Arizona for moisture-laden air will penetrate these areas.

Snowfall appears limited to the snow flurries pictured for the southern shores of the Great Lakes and New England's mountains.

High pressure systems will help keep relatively dry air circulating over large parts of the Nation resulting in clear skies for many States. Elsewhere, it will be partly cloudy or completely overcast as indicated on the inset cloud coverage chart.

A low pressure area is forming over the Dakotas which could precede and herald a new outbreak of cold air from Canada. If this depression forms, there may be another cold wave in the Northern Plains, after Christmas.

Temperatures will currently continue near or above normal for this date, throughout the Nation. However, below freezing maximum temperature readings will persist in the Great Lakes States and in the extreme Northeast. (Check Freezing Line on FOTOCAST.)

Christmas Day maximum temperature forecasts for key cities follow: Boston 38 degrees; New York and Chicago 40 degrees; Philadelphia 42 degrees; Washington 43 degrees; Cleveland 28 degrees; St. Louis 54 degrees; Kansas City 57 degrees; Omaha 52 degrees; Seattle 45 degrees; San Francisco and Los Angeles 60 degrees or above; Atlanta 65 degrees;

Text of Yule Greetings By President

The text of President Truman's Christmas Eve message to the Nation follows:

FELLOW citizens everywhere:

Again our thoughts and aspirations and the hopes of future years turn to a little town in the hills of Judea where on a winter's night 2000 years ago the phophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled.

Shepherds keeping the watch by night over their flocks heard the glad tidings of great joy from the Angels of the Lord singing, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

The message of Bethlehem best sums up our hopes tonight. If we as a Nation, and the other nations of the world, will accept it, the star of faith will guide us into the place of peace as it did the shepherds on that day of Christ's birth long ago.

I am sorry to say all is not harmony in the world today. We have found that it is easier for men to die together on the field of battle than it is for them to live together at home in peace. But those who died have died in vain if in some measure, at least, we shall not preserve for the peace that spiritual unity in which we won the war.

The problems facing the United Nations—the world's hope for peace—would overwhelm faint hearts. But as we continue to labor for an enduring peace through that great organization, we must remember that the world was not created in a day. We shall find strength and courage at this Christmas time because so brave a beginning has been made.

So with faith and courage we shall work to hasten the day when the sword is replaced by the plowshare and nations do not learn war any more.

SELFISHNESS and greed, individual or national, cause most of our troubles. He whose birth we celebrate tonight was the world's greatest teacher. He said:

'Therefore all things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.'

Through all the centuries since he spoke history has vindicated his teaching.

In this great country of ours has been demonstrated the fundamental unity of Christianity and democracy. Under our heritage of freedom for everyone on equal terms we also share the responsibilities of Government. Our support of individual freedom—free speech, free schools, free press and a free conscience—transcends all our differences.

Although we may not hope for a new heaven and a new earth in our day and generation we may strive with undaunted faith and courage to achieve in the present some measure of that unity with which the nations and the sons of our Allies went forth to win the war.

We have this glorious land not because of a particular religious faith, not because our ancestors sailed from a particular foreign port. We have our unique national heritage because of a common aspiration to be free and because of our purpose to achieve for ourselves and our children the good things of life which the Christ declared he came to give to all mankind.

WE have made a good start toward peace in the world. Ahead of us lies the larger task of making the peace secure.

The progress we have made gives hope that in the coming year we shall reach our goal. May 1947 entitle us to the benediction of the master: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.'

Because of what we have achieved for peace, because of all the promise our future holds, I say to all my countrymen: Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas, and may God bless you all!

PRICES

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month has taken place in spite of a decrease in many food items. In the last month wheat, corn, butter, hogs, cattle, lard and other items showed a distinct drop.

Rise Compared to 1939

But against them in the basic-commodities index increases were notes such as print cloth from 14.6 cents a yard to 18.2 cents; steel scrap from $21.25 a ton to $29.25, etc.

But the important comparison is with prices in those rosy days before the war, back in 1939. Wheat, which last Monday brought $2.05 in Chicago, sold in '39 for 65 cents; butter was 23½ cents a pound, against 78 cents Monday.

Another marked contrast is in meat. In 1939 hogs in Chicago were $6.87½ per 100 pounds; Monday they were $23.12½, and at that had decreased since November from $25.05. Steers in 1939 were $9.25; last November 15 they were $27; Monday they were $25. But why repeat them? A table herewith will show them to you.

Naval Reservists To Make 14-Day Cruise to Panama

Fifty officers and 500 enlisted reservists of the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Naval Districts and the Potomac River Naval Command, will make a 14-day cruise to Panama aboard the 45,000-ton battleship Wisconsin beginning January 5, the Navy announced yesterday.

The 550 reservists, including those in the District area, will embark at Norfolk, Va. During the cruise they will engage in gunnery practice with all caliber guns.

This cruise will be the first of four in which 1800 officers and men of the Naval Reserve throughout the country will take part.

The Old and the New . . .

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM—Past the ancient tower of David (background), the car of Roman Catholic Patriarch Louis Barlassina—chief of the Latin clergy in Palestine for 28 years—heads the traditional Christmas procession from Jerusalem to Bethlehem yesterday. Palestine police escort the motorcade in this photo, made by Associated Press Photographer J. Walter Green, the first ever transmitted directly from Jerusalem to New York by radio, with automatic relay in London of radio signals

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the judge worked out a formula of payment.

Ruling Set Aside

A United States Court of Appeals set aside Judge Picard's ruling and put the master's findings back in force. The nthe case went to the Supreme Court.

Justice Murphy gave the court's opinion on June 10. The justice said Judge Picard was right about giving approximate damages when the damage was certain, but the amount was not. The opinion then made five findings, which now have great weight, because they do not contain so many things that they are currently supposed to contain.

Here they are:

1. The actual pottery making in the Mount Clemens plant began and ended at about the times the schedule showed.

2. The time clock in-and-out times do not necessarily show the actual working time, nor do they show the time workers are required to be in the plant.

3. The employes were, however, required to be in the plant for some time before and after the scheduled working hours. Of this Justice Murphy said:

"Since the statutory workweek includes all the time during which an employe is necessarily required to be on the employers premises, on duty or at a prescribed workplace, the time spent in these activities must be accorded appropriate compensation."

This was the key to the whole case and the heart of it is in the two words "necessarily required."

A man is required to go to the time clock to punch it. He is required, also, to go to his bench, or shop, and work. Justice Murphy said that a man is to be paid for the time necessarily required to go from the clock to the job, and back at quitting time—unless the time came within the de minimis rule, which is the law's way of saying, unless the time was too trivial to count up.

The justice spelled out what he meant, saying, "when the matter in issue concerns only a few seconds or minutes of work beyond the scheduled working hours, such trifles may be disregarded . . . It is only when an employe is required to give up a substantial measure of his time and effort that compensataty working time is involved.

Justice Murphy said the masterter was mistaken in olding that a custom could take such time out of the paid class.

4. The Mount Clemens workers—before the scheduled starting time—sharpened tools, opened windows, taped and greased their arms, put on aprons and the like.

Justice Murphy said these were things done under the control of the pottery, for its benefit, and not for the workers themselves.

Here again, the justice said the De Minimis rule was to be applied, but he said, too, that the time must be figured out as well as possible from the records that were available.

5. The employes were not forced to put in waiting time, so the master's ruling on this point was right.

On the basis of these findings, the Supreme Court sent the case back to the Federal Court in Michigan, with orders to figure out what working time was involved, and to direct that it be paid for.

Chinese Constitution Passes Second Reading

Nanking, China, Dec. 24 (U.P.).—China's new constitution passed its second reading before the National Assembly today and it was expected the document would receive its final passage tomorrow.

Today's session was marked by two opposition efforts to revise the draft. Both failed.

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Mount Elias Monastery in the blue Judean hills, to greet Christian and Arab notables of the tiny village of Veit Jals. There, tradition says, King Saul was born.

Pause at Rachel's Tomb

The parade next paused at Rachel's tomb, where lie the remains of Jacob's wife.

The patriarch was robed in fuchsia and ermine and wore a magnificent cross and chain of gold and rubies. With him were other high churchmen garbed in mauve, purple and white; Acolytes in white lace; choir boys in red cassocks and white surplices. Looking on in the vanguard of the throng were cowled Benedictine and Franciscan monks.

POPE

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to hasten as soon as possible the coming of a definite peace among all states."

2. To apply "all the forces of your mind and will to give to your work of peace the seal of the true justice, of far-seeing wisdom, of a sincere service to the common interests of the entire human family."

Wants Solid Stability

3. To guarantee more than a superficial stability in the peace to come by leaving the way open for adjustments in the future "according to a clearly determined procedure, as soon as the majority of the peoples, the voice of reason and of equity show that those amendments are opportune and desirable or even called for."

The Pope appealed once again for food for the hungry in the world's war-decastated areas, saying that help given by a people to a people, without regard of national boundaries, would help "create the indispensable spiritual requirements of peace."

He concluded by saying:

"With this prayer on our lips, we extend to all who are listening to us this Christmas Eve a fervent with that 'the peace of God which surpasseth all understanding' may be theirs, and from the depth of our heart we impart to our beloved sons and daughters throughout the world as a pledge of the choicest graces of the word of God made man, our paternal apostolic blessing."

Going to Be HardWinter, Hornets Tell Prophet

Connellsville, Pa. (U.P.). — Uncle Dan Witt, the aged Laurel Hill weather prophet who uses hornets' nests as the basis for his forecasts, warns that this winter is going to be a severe one. Moreover, an unusual lot of snow can be expected.

It all shows up in the extraordinarily high wave in which the hornets have built their nests this year, said Uncle Dan. He claims he has been predicting the winter weather without a miss for 60 years since the reconversion period following the Civil War.

GI Bride Plane Makes Second Start for N. Y.

London, Dec. 24 (AP).—A Pan-American Airways clipper loaded with GI brides and their children made a second start for New York today, its crew confident that this time they would push through and that the passengers would be in Manhattan in time to celebrate Christmas.

The ship, carrying 25 brides, 1 bride-to-be and 25 children of former servicemen was forced by ocean storms last night to turn back over Ireland and return to London.

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Freedom & Union

The announcement that in January Mr. Herbert Agar will become associate editor of the new monthly magazine, *Freedom & Union*, affords an opportunity to comment on this latest venture of those who are most vigorously pushing the principle of world government. An interesting point in the announcement is that Mr. Agar plans to spend half his time in this country and half in Britain, and thus will have the optimum chance to advance his convictions on the desirability of a union of the Atlantic democracies. Mr. Agar is well known to the public, both for his broad journalistic endeavors before the war and later for his leadership of the Fight for Freedom movement and his service in the Navy and as head of the British division of the Office of War Information. No less familiar is the magazine's editor, Clarence K. Streit, who left his newspaper career to promote the ideas set forth so cogently in his book, *Union Now*. Together Mr. Streit and Mr. Agar should produce a publication which, if not always acceptable to our unconverted nationalists, is at once stimulating, challenging and informative.

Significantly, *Freedom & Union* bears as its subtitle the phrase "Journal of the World Republic." It thus is in character that the current issue, the magazine's third, should bring together in sprightly form an impressive symposium of articles and commentaries relating to methods of obtaining world government. Included are an editorial, "The Nearing Atomic Deadline," and such other provocative titles as "Why Jesus Rejected Nationalism," "French Women Vote," "Federal Union and the Germans" and "How Can the Church Bring Peace on Earth?" Nor is the magazine all serious. It contains some delightful satire as well as amusing lighter articles. The authors vary in viewpoint from Justice Owen J. Roberts to Washington's Rev. A. Powell Davies; and even Mr. H. L. Mencken enters with a tart observation. Despite the number of publications exhorting the one-world thesis, *Freedom & Union* has cut for itself a unique path. Certainly the field is never exhausted for presenting ideas for a practical means of attaining the peace we all seek.

Court-Martial

Undersecretary of War Royall has promised that the War Department will give "prompt and careful consideration" to the American Bar Association's enlightening report on court-martial reform. We hope this means that the recommendations will be put into actual practice in short order. None of the very considerable doubts raised as to the fairness of Army justice will be assuaged if the report is merely given lip service or left to gather dust in somebody's file. The trouble with the Army's court-martial system today, as the experts have pointed out, is not that it does not look good on paper, but that in its everyday functioning it often wanders far from what was intended.

Foremost among the observations of the nine-man investigating committee, in our opinion, is the criticism of interference by commanding officers. This has been one of the more obvious causes of injustice. Commanding officers have not only appointed members of courts-martial and referred cases to trial, they have also had the power of reviewing all findings. In some cases they have intervened to the extent of dressing down members of the court for what they considered insufficient sentences. In other instances they have expressed in advance their feelings as to what the sentence should be. This has militated against the court's impartiality. It has given rise to the wide practice of imposing maximum sentences—sometimes, as the committee noted, "fantastically" severe—on the theory that the commander can cut them down to what he believes proper. This, of course, is a negation of the whole reason for the court's existence.

The Bar Association report dwells with equal logic on other deficiencies of Army justice in practice. It advocates better trained personnel for courts, including trained lawyers as defense counsels and law members. It recommends that properly qualified enlisted men be enabled to sit on courts-martial—a reform this newspaper has supported. The report also condemns the discrepancies between treatment of officers and enlisted men before the law. It calls for far more thorough investigation of cases before they are referred to trial. In the last analysis, the worth of the Bar Association findings will be determined by the Army's sincerity in applying them. What the Army does will have an important bearing not only on the morale of its troops but also on the attitude of the general public. In this respect one of the most significant recommendations is for a board to make a continuous study of military justice and propose changes. If the Army is wise, it will correct future defects as they become apparent and before they become major sources of discontent.

Christmas, 1946

The same old story will be told all over Christendom today, one that nobody ever tires of telling, for it is the story of the greatest miracle on earth. It has been a developing miracle, one that still holds our world in wonder. Two thousand years ago a Child was born in a humble crib in the Middle Eastern town of Bethlehem, and the event brought a unity to mankind and an impulse. The ancient world had got to a barrier which it could not break through. It was beginning to crumble for want of vitality. Then the Child was born, and with it the light to give men hope and strength and bind them together in fellowship. From Bethlehem the flame spread east and west and north and south. It lit up the years, not steadily, perhaps, but with a glow that has never died out. For man the light is a life-giving torch which is at once the memory of his past and the promise of his future.

It is a light whose message is the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. This is what we celebrate at Christmas. For the time being we make a practice of what is a ritual in the Christian ethic and rejoice in expressing our fellowship with each other in good will and in giving. But the message is not a command to the generous, it is an insurance of survival; for as the ancients put it, "What I give, I have," as individuals and as nations. The fathers of our Republic knew this. In the testament that George Washington left to his countrymen he evoked these precepts of old as the "firmest props" of our Union as a Nation. This is the lesson of the Christmas story: Ye are all of one another. To make this creed live again in our lives would be to follow the star that shone on the shepherds as they watched their flocks on the Bethlehem hillside and in the morning led the wise men of the East to the inn in the town. With the Child came the light, and with the light the fellowship of man, that men could live in peace. In this spirit we wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Between Friends

One of the most persistent fallacies is the notion that political institutions that have evolved out of the traditions and historical experiences of one people will necessarily be successful among peoples differently circumstanced by culture, history and geography. Thus some historians, among them British historians, have traced the revolutionary difficulties of modern Europe to the infatuation of the liberal statesmen of that continent with the forms of the British constitution. Similarly, many writers attribute the violence and confusion of Latin American politics from the War of Independence to relatively recent times to the incongruity of constitutions that were drafted in sedulous imitation of the Constitution of the United States. In a sense, as the Abbe de Lamennais once observed, it is an absurdity to speak of giving constitutions to states, since every state by its nature has already a constitution, and the efficacy of the written constitution must depend upon how closely it agrees with the natural one.

In our own country this constitutional fallacy has usually taken the form of seeking to upset or to disturb the traditional separation of powers and thus bring us to an approximation of one or another of the European parliamentary systems. The latest effort in this direction is, of course, Senator Fulbright's proposal of an amendment that would give Congress the power, by a joint resolution, to call a national election at any time. Thus the balance that so recently seemed threatened by the encroachments of the executive power now is suddenly threatened by the ambitions of the legislature. The proposed amendment would, of course, require a radical alteration in the present method of nominating presidential candidates and would probably make necessary another amendment establishing a unicameral legislature. By that time, of course, the legislature would have acquired a dictatorial power over the Government almost as absolute as that of the French Revolutionary Convention.

The interesting thing is that there is nothing novel in the proposal to establish a dictatorship by Congress. A vigorous and almost successful effort in that direction was undertaken about midway in President Lincoln's first administration, coincident with the low ebb of Federal fortunes in the field. A resolution was adopted by the Republican caucus authorizing a committee to call upon the President and to demand reorganization of the Cabinet. The purpose, of course, was to pack the Cabinet with radical Republicans acceptable to the majority of Congress and to have all matters of policy decided by a vote of the Cabinet. In the somewhat modified form finally adopted the resolution held that

> The theory of our Government is, and uniform construction thereof is, that the President should be aided by a Cabinet council, agreeing with him in political principles and general policy, and that all important public measures and appointments should be the result of their combined wisdom and deliberation.

Lincoln seems to have believed that the ultimate purpose of the Radicals was to force his resignation. The story of how the conspiracy was frustrated by an adroit political maneuver by Lincoln and by the sudden hedging of Secretary Case, who had been one of the principal instigators of the conspiracy, is recounted in some detail in Mr. Burton Hendrick's new book, *Lincoln's War Cabinet*. The effort of the Radical Congress to dominate the Executive was not, of course, ended by this repulse. It was resumed with even greater energy in the administration of President Johnson. In 1867 a bill was enacted which forbade the President to remove any Cabinet officer without the consent of the Senate, and when, in defiance of this, Mr. Johnson notified Secretary Stanton that he was fired "by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States," the historic impeachment proceeding followed. As is well known, the Radicals failed by only one vote to have Johnson dismissed from office; but most of us can now agree that if they had succeeded, the consequences would have been calamitous.

It is also instructive to recall that when the Constitution was adopted, a very large section of the American people, perhaps even a majority, disapproved it. Within a very short time, however, the wisdom and permanence of the Constitution ceased even to be questioned. From this it could be argued that the efficacy of the Constitution, or at least of its central principle of the separation of powers, was owing to the fact that it corresponded to the peculiar conditions and necessities of American society; in other words, to the natural constitution. It may be that this is no longer the case. Certainly there are occasions, such as the present, when, in view of the deadlocks created by the division of powers, the Constitution may seem a hindrance rather than an aid to efficient government. But, then, to quote another document equally famous and formerly almost equally sacrosanct, "all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed."

Releasing Objectors

Conscience sometimes makes men behave very unreasonably. It led members of the religious sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses to refuse not only military service but even service in the Civilian Public Service Camps provided by Congress as an alternative for men whose scruples forbade them to perform any sort of military duty. The Jehovah's Witnesses defied a law of the land in conformity with which millions of young Americans were called from their homes and their peaceful pursuits to bear arms in defense of their country. To punish them for this defiance—especially in view of the honorable alternative to military duty offered to them by Congress—cannot in any sense, we think, be considered an impairment of religious freedom. The majesty of the Government required that the law be enforced.

But vindictiveness in dealing with these men and with other genuine conscience cases would contribute nothing to the Government's majesty. It was found necessary during the war years to send to prison some 6000 to 7000 persons, either because, like the Jehovah's Witnesses, they refused to work in Civilian Public Service Camps or because their local draft boards refused to consider them genuine conscience cases and assign them to CPS Camps. The law was rigidly narrow in its application, and draft boards were sometimes reluctant to acknowledge the claims of conscience. Moreover, the treatment accorded the men who went to CPS Camps was so senselessly punitive and so wasteful of their skills that some of them quite understandably rebelled against it and went to prison instead.

It is reported that the President will release on parole at Christmas one third of the Jehovah's Witnesses remaining in prison. These men will have served a year of their three-year terms. We think, considering the fact that the war is over and that other Americans are not now risking their lives in a service these men refused to render, that this leniency is wise and just, in no way diminishing the majesty of the Government. We hope that the President will grant release as well to the 300 Jehovah's Witnesses and the 25 other conscientious objectors expected to remain in prison after Christmas. Indeed, we should like to see him go beyond this and grant a general amnesty to all the conscience cases, relieving them of the onerous obligations of parole. They have been punished enough; and certainly in time of peace they are no danger to society.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas eve, while the boy slept in his bed,
the man and the woman slipped the Christmas tree
into the front parlor; they put the strings of glass beads,
the gilt church, the moon, the tinsel framed madonna,
the swimming fish, the wax candles in the candle clips,
all on the tree; and at the foot they piled the presents;
then they fixed the fires and turned out the lights,
and went to bed.
By dawn the bok awoke, he jumped from bed,
he ran into the parlor; the tree there waited, mysterious,
coming out of the night, Santa Claus, the great unknown;
the presents were there; the boy sat on the floor,
he opened the packages, he cried out for joy;
the man and the woman stood over him smiling.
In the attic now there is a worn pasteboard box,
and one last remnant of a string of glass beads,
a small gilt church with the spire broken,
and half of a silver fish.

FRED LAPE.

"Presto!"

Letters To The Editor

Communications must be addressed to the editor and must carry the complete name and address of the writer, though pen names will be permitted at the editor's discretion. Letters of less than 200 words will be given preference, and all letters are subject to condensation. Contributors are limited to one letter a month. No communication can be returned.

Stassen's Liberalism

Mr. Stassen, in breaking the news of his candidacy, said a number of sensible things and others that call for elucidation. Why is he worried lest the Republican Party depart from "what I would term a truly liberal path?" Up here in Maine we recall that the Republican Party meant something before Mr. Stassen was born, and that something was freedom, which is just as good a word as "liberalism" and much clearer in its implications.

Exactly what does Mr. Stassen have in mind when he mentions "a truly liberal path?" He says "true liberalism is a philosophy of life which seeks the maximum . . . freedom for the individual consistent with the enjoyment of the same degree of freedom by his fellow men." A noble thought, reminiscent of the Hon. Henry Wallace, but leaving us in as much bewilderment as if he had coupled liberalism with surrealism and extensionalism.

Continuing, Mr. Stassen says that his variety of liberalism means opposing "the extreme of fascism and the extreme of communism." The words suggest that he would not mind a dose of fascism or communism provided they were small. But would he? Why does he make a distinction between fascism as something "right" and communism as something "left"? Do they not both stand for dictatorship, total absence of individual rights, assassination, murder and the concentration camp, to mention only a few points of resemblance?

It is difficult not to like Mr. Stassen for a variety of reasons, but some of us could like him better if he indulged somewhat less in balanced phrases and were a little more forthright in his attmpts to mold public opinion.

MAINE REPUBLICAN.

Belfast, Me.

Civil Rights

The civil liberties committee of the D. C. chapter of the National Lawyers Guild congratulates you on the forthright stand on civil rights taken in your editorial of December 10. There is, however, a vitally important point referred to therein which requires clarification. You state that the Federal "civil rights statutes . . . are extremely restrictive" and that "protection of the rights of citizenship is left to the States, and it is only when officials of a State acting 'under color of law' violate such rights that the Department of Justice has any jurisdiction."

We certainly agree that the existing statutes are restrictive and that new legislation is a prime necessity. But we do not agree that the Justice Department has jurisdiction only where State officials have acted under color of law. Section 51 of Title 18, United States Code, provides that "if two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same . . . they shall be fined not more than $5000 and imprisoned not more than 10 years . . ."

The Attorney General has stated that he could proceed under that statute to punish persons who conspire to injure or oppress, etc., citizens in the free exercise or enjoyment of the right (a) to run for Federal office, (b) to be free from involuntary servitude, (c) to have access to the Federal courts, (d) to be a witness in the Federal courts, (e) to inform Federal officers concerning Federal offenses, (f) to journey to the National Capital on Federal business, and (g) the right to vote and to have that vote counted.

In addition, citizens have rights or privileges under the Social Security Act, the National Labor Relations Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and other Federal statutes. Thus, it is seen that the Justice Department has a broader area of jurisdiction than indicated in your editorial, and it may proceed not only against State officials but against private individuals as well.

Moreover, in spite of certain restrictive Supreme Court decisions, there is substantial legal opinion to the effect that the fourteenth amendment was actually intended by its framers to apply to acts of private individuals. On that premise, rights and privileges were created by the amendment and members of a lynching mob, for example, could be prosecuted under 18 U. S. C. 51 as persons conspiring to injure or oppress, etc., a citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of those rights. Unfortunately, we do not have space here to develop the point further but lawyers and others interested in the question will be pleased to learn that a national conference of lawyers on civil rights is to be held at Howard University on January 25, when the subjects discussed above, among others, will be fully explored.

EDWARD J. FRUCHTMAN
Chairman, Civil Liberties Committee, D. C. Chapter, National Lawyers Guild.

Bread And Hunger

The December 23 issue of The Post carries on the editorial page a cartoon presenting an overflowing horn of plenty with the caption, "Bread Enough and to Spare."

I hope that your readers remembered the words of the hungry man that follow in the Gospel (St. Luke 15:17). The prodigal in the far country added: "And I perish with hunger."

Overflowing abundance here, and a world perishing with hunger, and this largely as a result of the vast destructions in which we had a part. We thank you for this hint of how some of our overflowing abundance may be used through public action (e.g. UNRAA) and through private relief.

CHARLES L. CARHART.
Chevy Chase, Md.

Johnson Memorial

I would like to suggest that a fitting memorial to Walter Johnson would be a continuing scholarship fund.

This fund would be awarded each year, or if income from the foundation were not enough, each two years. The student would be preferably an outstanding good sportsman, not necessarily the outstanding in proficiency, selected by a jury or committee of sports writers, players or whatever.

An example for this program is the Rhodes Scholarship.

This outstanding sportsman should be an ambassador of American good will to a college overseas.

FRANCIS S. MITCHELL.
Arlington, Va.

Revolt Against Bevins' Policy

I wish to take exception to Marquis Childs' column of December 16 analyzing the meaning of the recent Labor Party "backbenchers" revolt against Bevin's foreign policy and comparing that group with the followers of Henry Wallace. It is not necessary for me to defend Mr. Wallace or explain why hundreds of thousands of Americans look to him for leadership, believing his ideas to be both forward-looking and realistic. But I do wish to point out that Mr. Childs seriously underestimates the significance of the rebel Labor M.P.'s action, intimating that they're sorry about the whole thing, and that it wasn't very serious anyway.

There has been in Labor Party ranks growing dissatisfaction with Bevin's direction of foreign affairs ever since the summer of 1945, when the Labor Party took office.

In August, 1945, the British press noted that the chill greeting given Mr. Bevin's maiden speech as Foreign Secretary by the Labor Party benches was matched only by the vociferous applause it received from the Tories. By November 9 of that year the independent *Spectator* was referring to the "cleavage between the Foreign Secretary and his party." Other organs of the British press commented on the concentration of talented new MPs in the parliamentary Labor Party's committee on external affairs, many of whom were expressing disappointment at the failure to institute a foreign policy in keeping with Labor Party policy declaring socialism a fundamental necessity to the spread of democracy and political freedom in Europe. Today news reports tell of the unanimous decision of the influential 45-man committee to press for sweeping reforms in the organization of the Foreign Office in order to eliminate old-line Tory-minded officials.

The 1945 Socialist criticism of Bevin's foreign policy foreshadowed that levied a year later. In the October 23, 1946, foreign affairs debate in Parliament, Konni Zilliacus summed up the feelings of many MPs in these biting words: "We have not got a foreign policy. All we have got is the tradition of the Foreign Office. The Labor government is riding on that tradition as a kind of collective Lady Godiva, singing some little ditty about their democratic Socialist foreign policy which is invisible and imaginary. Nobody, at home or abroad, has seen any socialism in it. If we did have a Socialist foreign policy, I do not imagine that honorable members opposite would be quite so fond of it . . . I see no reason why in every foreign affairs debate our Foreign Secretary should enter the ring in the spirit of Ferdinand the Bull, while honorable members opposite bring him flowers in the guise of "tory adorers.'"

Charges of an alleged continuation of Churchill's foreign policy have not been confined to Parliament. At the Labor Party annual conference at Bournemouth in June, 18 resolutions were brought forward attacking the government's "unsocialistic" approach. At the powerful British Trades Union Congress several weeks ago 40 per cent of the votes were cast against support of the present foreign policy. The climax was the support given by more than one third of the Labor Party membership in Commons to the amendment to the King's speech initiated by 58 insurgents calling for British to steer a course midway between Russia and the United States.

In the December 16 issue of the *New Republic*, Dick Crossman, leader of the recent revolt, credits Henry Wallace's letter to President Truman as a cataclyst impelling the Labor dissenters to action. Labor Party objections antedated the Wallace critique by almost one year, however, and have commanded a widespread public as well as parliamentary backing.

It is reprehensible of any columnist to dismiss contemptuously sincere, telling arguments of well-informed British Socialists by calling them "men like Wallace who are inclined to see the world through a rosy haze of idealism" or to refer to a former League of Nations official like Zilliacus—known throughout Europe as a longtime Labor Party stalwart and outstanding authority on international affairs—as a "fellow traveler." On the latter point Mr. Childs is best answered by quoting from Mr. Zilliacus' reply in the October 23 debate to the British equivalent of the "fellow traveler" charge: "Some courage is required to make an attack on the Labor government's tory foreign policy. Those who do so are being called 'crypto-communists.' This . . . is silly. It is silly to call anybody 'crypto' because he speaks his mind and it is silly to call him Communist for urging a Labor government to practice its own policy."

Thus Mr. Childs' one-sided analysis has obscured the far-reaching implications of the rebellion. For the very strength and representativeness of the complaints voiced by the Labor dissenters makes it quite likely that after a long struggle British foreign policy will gradually shift away from close cooperation with the United States and confirm opposition to the Soviet Union to a middle or independent policy. Continued pressure from the rank and file Labor MPS on such matters as arms standardization and other aspects of Anglo-American military cooperation will play a key role in this change.

MORTON HOFFMAN.
Washington.

Washington Calling

By Marquis Childs

Christmas Present

THE ACTION of the Attorney General in releasing all of those conscientious objectors who have been in prison at least 12 months is a Christmas present not only to them but to every American. It is a recognition of the right of the individual conscience, even though it is taken in this limited form.

In the rush and fury of a terrible war that right is ignored. But there is no reason why it should be ignored long after the crisis is over.

There were, of course, draft dodgers and slackers who for reasons of cowardice or venality deliberately evaded the draft laws. The men who are now freed from Federal prisons were not, however, in this category.

They were those who protested the law because of religious, political, or moral scruples. Of the total number, many were members of the fanatical sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses. Religious fanatics can be irritating and annoying, especially in times of crisis.

It is, however, a cherished privilege in this country to be different; to dare to defy the crowd. While we sometimes forget it, that is inherent in the Christian religion. Christ defied the mob and died in agony for his beliefs.

THE NEXT step is for the President to grant a general amnesty for all of the 6,000 men who protested the law out of reasons of conscience. An amnesty is necessary to restore to these "second-class citizens" their civil rights. In many States they are forbidden to vote, to hold office, to practice as doctors, lawyers, dentists, or to qualify for Civil Service.

The amnesty, too, is in our long tradition of freedom and civil liberties. Nine Presidents have used the power in a number of ways to restore peace and harmony in the country. Abraham Lincoln, during the Civil War in 1863, granted full pardon to all Secessionists with the exception of certain officers on condition that they would take the oath of loyalty. President Johnson broadened this four years later to include all Secessionists, including those sentenced for treason.

Our Allies in World War II, in many instances, already have taken this step. Canada has granted amnesty for 14,000 men who had failed to comply with the conscription program, mostly deserters and AWOL cases, and has discharged the men from its conscientious-objectors camps. In England out of 5250 objectors who were prosecuted only 26 remain in jail.

A large number of church groups have backed the move for an amnesty. The Federal Council of Churches approved an amnesty last March. Likewise, a number of political leaders, including both Republicans and Democrats, have urged the President to take this step.

A COMMITTEE for amnesty, made up of distinguished authors, educators and others, is working hard to get public support for restoring civil rights to these men. The honorary chairman of this committee is Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher, the novelist and critic, who lives in Arlington, Vt.

Mrs. Fisher is privileged more than most to speak on this issue of freedom of conscience. Her only son, James, was killed in the Philippines. A doctor, he was preparing to begin a practice in rural Vermont, the part of the world he loved best, when the war began, and he entered the service. He was killed in the aftermath of a raid while he was trying to give medical aid to one of the Philippine guerillas who had been severely wounded.

The victory cost us so much. In a decision reversing the conviction of two Jehovah's Witnesses, Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy put it this way:

"All of the mobilization and all of the war effort will have been in vain if, when all is finished, we discover that in the process we have destroyed the very freedom for which we fought."

There is profound truth in those words. They can well serve as warning to us today. More than ever before we need to guard the liberties that have come down to us. Each man and woman is free on this day to worship as it pleases him or her. For that right of conscience men have died, and we in our time must not value lightly their sacrifice.

Peace On Earth

By Sumner Welles

Real Accomplishments During 1946

AT THE close of this momentous year of 1946 it is natural for us to appraise the progress made in our search for peace. The advance has surely been far greater than we had any right to expect 12 months ago. The peoples of the earth today have ground for hope that they may yet see a world order capable of preserving peace and of insuring the freedom, the security and the welfare of mankind. We have cause for thanksgiving on this Christmas Day.

A year ago the United Nations existed only on paper. Today it is a going concern. It has chosen its permanent home. All of its major agencies have now been created and are at work. The influence of the organization has constantly increased.

The Security Council has been gravely handicapped by Russia's improper use of the veto power, and by the inability of its Military Staff Committee so far to agree upon the employment and command of the police forces to be placed at the Council's disposal. In view of these major obstacles, the significance of the services which the Council has already rendered is truly surprising.

The Council undoubtedly dispelled an exceedingly serious threat to world peace last spring when the Iranian controversy reached an acute stage. When the test came the Council's authority was respected by all of the powers involved. During the succeeding months it was able consistently to lessen the tensions between the East and the West.

THE EXERCISE by the Soviet Union of its veto right has run counter to the spirit of the compromise agreed upon at San Francisco. The protest of the smaller countries has been justified and salutary. Yet the refusal of the General Assembly to take any action beyond registering this protest was altogether wise. The Russian abuse of the veto power is a symptom of a disease. That disease will not be cured at this juncture in world affairs by tampering with the Charter. It will be cured only through a gradual conciliation of the long-range interests of the Soviet Union and of the Western powers.

Recently some progress has been made in that direction. It is only fair to add that while the Soviet government has so far continued to seek an expansionist form of security, it has at no time shown any disposition to weaken the United Nations. It has, on the contrary, frequently taken action destined to increase the organization's efficiency and power.

The accomplishments of this session of the General Assembly have been outstanding. The Assembly has provided conclusive proof that the new international organization can succeed. The Assembly adopted that notable agreement upon the fundamental principles which can bring about a progressive reduction in armaments, the outlawing of all weapons of mass destruction, including the atom bomb and United Nations control and inspection, free in their operation from the veto. If the Security Council is able to implement this agreement, and, in conjunction with the Atomic Energy Commission, for the enforcement of the principles now agreed upon, the first to establish a system providing real step toward freedom from fear will have been taken.

The additional achievements of the Assembly have been equally memorable. None has been more important than the approval of trusteeship agreements and the creation of the Trusteeship Council. Freedom is now within the reach of the more advanced of the dependent peoples. Imperialism is in its last stage. And by the creation of the International Refugee Organization the Assembly established a stout bulwark for peace and for human liberty.

While less publicized, the work done by the Economic and Social Council and by the functional bodies of the United Nations has been no less valuable in its constructive effect.

IN CONTRAST with the advance made in world organization, the agreements reached by the Council of Foreign Ministers afford little ground for satisfaction. The key to Europe's future, the treaty with Germany, is as yet undetermined. The fact that the major powers have at last agreed upon the treaties with the five lesser Axis countries has been widely acclaimed.

Yet there would seem to be little reason to applaud any agreement, which is inherently vicious merely because it is an agreement. Peace treaties should contain provisions which make for peace. Few experienced observers would maintain that the peace treaty with Italy offers the Italian people either justice or security, or that the arrangements covering Italy's eastern frontiers will promote European stability. Only the official propagandist would say that the Balkan treaties afford any promise of peace and freedom in the eastern Mediterranean. If these treaties afforded the only foundation for the reconstruction of Europe, there would be scant cause for encouragement.

The real reason for optimism lies in the fact that the United Nations exists. It has steadily grown in strength and authority. It has already shown itself to be vital. With increasing assurance the smaller countries look to it for security. Should it carry out the purposes for which it was created, the errors of omission or of commission of the present peacemakers will be corrected by the United Nations in the years to come.

The progress which the United Nations has made during these brief 12 months of its existence is altogether heartening as we look back to the dark uncertainties which the world confronted on last Christmas Day.

It is because of the United Nations that we see on the horizon the first gleam of the dawn of an era of peace on earth and of good will to men.

Off The Record

By Ed Reed

"Look what Mother sent us for Christmas—the love seat we used to sit on before we were married!"

Economic Solution

By Mark Sullivan

Lower Prices, Not Higher Wages

SENATOR ROBERT A Taft of Ohio this week uttered a sentence which may turn out to serve as an epitaph on the tombstone of an economic theory—called by its critics a fallacy—which the country has recently been urged to accept and act upon. Mr. Taft's words were: "The solution for the country is lower prices, not higher wages."

Sullivan

The occasion for Mr. Taft's statement was a drive by CIO for higher wages. It began with an elaborate analysis by an economist, Mr. Robert Nathan, formerly in the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations and recently engaged by CIO to make this analysis. The conclusion of the analysis was, in the main, that higher wages are indispensible for the country's good, and that there could be raises in wages without increases in the prices of goods. After launching this analysis impressively, at a luncheon to some hundred or so newsmen and Administration officials at Washington, the CIO followed up with definite demands upon industry for wage raises of varying amounts up to 25 per cent, and with a propaganda drive to get public support for its theory.

THE THEORY encountered criticism—from industry, naturally; from many economists, and from plain persons who just couldn't believe there could be wage raises without price increases. The criticism is epitomized by Mr. Taft who in two terse words said the analysis is "completely misleading." Mr. Taft's forceful argument that the real need of the country is lower prices may serve the same purpose, of expressing and crystallizing public thought, that was served by a colloquial utterance of Vice President Marshall which became popular during a similar economic situation associated with the Great War, over a quarter century ago: "What this country needs is a good 5-cent cigar."

What made the CIO analysis seem misleading to Mr. Taft, and to many others, was mainly the assertion that there could be wage raises without price increases. Other dubious ideas in the analysis are illustrated in a brief quotation: "Unless there is an immediate increase in wages or a sharp drop in prices, we are flirting with collapse; there is no evidence to date to indicate that business will cut prices prior to a depression . . ."

The dubious implications here are that an immediate increase in wages is the only available course, that a drop in prices is unlikely, that prices are in the business can or will prevent reduction in prices. These implications are unsound at any time, and are contrary to present conditions. Business is not able to control prices at its will; a much larger influence is exercised by consumers and by competitive conditions.

THESE LATTER influences are now having effect. Reduction of prices is the prevailing present expectation and in many lines has already taken place, including food, clothing and other articles of general consumption, and several lines of manufactured goods. More accurate than the implications in the CIO report would be a statement that a drop in prices is expected, and that an increase in wages would not only prevent the drop but cause actual increase in prices. Arrest of the drop in prices could come through the psychological effect of the CIO's demands, or through actual raise in wages as a result of the demands; and especially through strikes which would interrupt production of goods and cause scarcity.

The position of Senator Taft, while taken as the solution for the country as a whole, will be especially welcome to one large group of our people. These are the persons who live upon, or depend for their future upon, savings invested in war bonds or life insurance policies or similar sources of income; and also persons with fixed incomes of various sorts. These have for several years seen themselves suffer detriment from constantly increasing prices of goods, without offset in the form of wage raises, which they saw constantly taking place, and saw repeatedly followed by still further increases in the prices of goods. These are likely to agree with Senator Taft that "The solution for the country is lower prices, not higher wages."

Matter Of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

Christmas Sermon

TODAY IS Christmas Day, and the scientists and technicians employed by the Douglas Aircraft Co., under contract with the War Department are presumably, like other worthy citizens, stuffing themselves on the festive baked meats proper to the occasion.

Tomorrow, however, they will return to their work, no doubt feeling a trifle dyspeptic, a little the worse for wear. They will study their formulae, redraw their blueprints, and do whatever strange and secret things scientists and technicians do when they are working for the intercontinental warfare project. They will work freely, without interference from Government busybodies. For in the sort of work in which they are engaged, freedom of research is essential. Their mission is broad, its borders ill-defined. It is to design new weapons, of any sort, whether new gases or pilotless aircraft of superglobal range. The only qualification is that these weapons must be designed to kill more efficiently, and at longer range, than any weapons we now have.

TODAY IS Christmas Day, and in the Soviet Union, according to report, Mr. Peter Kapitza is cold. He is cold because he has been sent to Siberia. He has been sent to Siberia because, to the angry astonishment of the gentlemen in the Kremlin, he has refused to turn his attention from research in low temperatures, his chosen field, to the more pressing matter of the development of a Soviet peoples' atomic bomb.

His colleagues have been less intransigent, however. They have wasted no time on bourgeois Christmas dinners. They are busily at work attempting to create an atomic bomb which will presumably be more democratic, more anti-Fascist, more correctly Marxist-Leninist, and a great deal more deadly than other atomic bombs. Nor are the Soviets, any more than the Americans, so narrow-minded as to concentrate their whole attention on the atomic bomb.

At Peenemunde, and elsewhere in the Soviet zone of Germany, Soviet scientists are eagerly learning from German scientists how to construct a really long-range rocket, with really interesting possibilities. It is hoped that it will be possible by means of this rocket to render a large city like London totally uninhabitable within the space of a few hours, even without an atomic warhead. These Soviet scientists, like the American scientists, are only doing their jobs. And the admirals are only doing their jobs too.

TODAY IS Christmas Day. Last weekend the makeup men charged with the duty of finding colored pictures for the front pages of the Sunday magazine sections hardly hesitated. From long experience, they knew just what was required. A dozen cheerful children, as Dickensian as possible in appearance, holding candles and singing "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen, Let Nothing You Dismay," Or a half dozen pritty girls, holding hands and singing "Pace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

"Peace on Earth," the pretty girls sing, and the picture is decorative, and the sound they make is no doubt pleasant. But a more honest Christmas picture for 1946 would be that of H. G. Wells, who was something of a modern prophet as well as a novelist. The makeup men would not like it, for he was only a fat man with a brisk mustache and a pleasant smile.

But before he died, he said something important. "This is the end," he remarked after Hiroshima. "This is the end. There is no way out or around or through our dilemma. Any one with a sense of history must realize that this is indeed the end." His words might have been punctuated, not with an exclamation mark, but with a great cloud, several thousand feet in height, in the shape of a mushroom.

MR. PETER KAPITZA, one hopes, is enjoying his white Christmas, with the peculiar pleasure of a stubborn man who had his way. The American scientists yawn and stretch, and consider their next day's work on the intercontinental warfare project. The Soviet scientists at Peenemunde bend over their work, their faces aglow with the joy of discovery. Near a place called Skra, a Greek has just killed another Greek. In China, Communists and Nationalists agree on one point at least: All-out civil war is imminent. In Hiroshima the gas mains are almost completely repaired, and a kind of fuzz has grown back on the heads made hairless by the strange effects of the gamma rays. Mr. H. G. Wells, brisk mustache and all, has been in his grave for a number of months, but there are plenty of reminders still above ground that he said something of interest and importance.

Possibly his prediction was wrong. In August, 1823, almost a century and a quarter ago, the aged John Adams wrote to the aged Thomas Jefferson: "Watchman! What of the night? Is darkness that may be felt to reign over the whole world, or can you perceive any rays of the returning dawn?" Thus the two great men, founders of a great Nation, in their last years scanned the horizon for signs of hope. And now eyes far less wise can also see signs of hope on the horizon. They are not solid yet. They are mere words, tendencies, trends in policy. But while on this Christmas Day it is important to realize that there is no peace on earth as yet, it is also necessary to assert that there can be peace—provided the peoples and their leaders want it enough to overcome folly, suspicion and self-interest.

Grin and Bear It

By Lichty

"He says you'd cry too if you got an atomic toy like Junior Truffle's and his blew up the house and yours didn't."

4 U.S. Employes, With 137 Years Of Combined Service, to Retire

Four veteran employes of the Government will retire December 31 after totaling 136 years of service between them.

They are Rufus K. Helphenstine, 64, Forest Service wood expert; Howard Lawton Knight, editor in chief of the Experiment Station Record; Miss Martha C. Gundlach, indexer for the Experiment Station Record, and Harvey H. Button, 70, captain of the guards at the Bureau of Standards.

Helphenstine

Helphenstine, who lives at 16 West Underwood st., Chevy Chase, Md., has 41 years of service to his credit. A native of the District, as a boy he sold newspapers on the old-time horse-drawn streetcars here. After graduation from high school, he took a three-year business course at Emerson Institute.

First Appointed in 1904

In 1904, he was appointed as a stenographer and typist in the Washington office of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. Nine years later he was transferred from clerical to technical work and did extensive research in wood-using industries and in the manufacture and utilization of wood.

For many years he has served as consultant to various Federal agencies on the purchase of lumber. Since 1923, he has been chairman of the Technical Committee on Wood Preservation of the Federal Specifications Board.

Long interested in antiques, Helphenstine plans to devote most of his time after retirement to adding to his present collection.

Editor in chief of the Experiment Station Record since 1923, Knight will end 42 years of service with the Agriculture Department at the end of this month.

Native of Massachusetts

A native of Massachusetts, he graduated from Massachusetts State College in 1902, then served the next two years as an instructor in chemistry.

In 1904 he joined the Agriculture Department as scientific assistant at the Nutrition Laboratory, located at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Two years later, Knight was transferred to Washington as assistant editor of the Experiment Station Record. He served as special agricultural editor in the preparation of the revised edition of Webster's New International Dictionary in 1934.

A member of Phi Kappa Phi, honorary society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he lives at 1364 Kalmia rd. nw.

A native of New York, Miss Gundlach is a graduate of Vassar College. She joined the War Department in 1918 and transferred to the Agriculture Department two years later, where she was placed in charge of indexes for the Experiment Station Record. She lives at 215 Emerson st. nw.

Button, a native of St. Louis, Mo., came to Washington in 1921 to work at the Navy Yard. He entered service at the Bureau of Standards in 1929.

A widower, he plans to just "take it easy and relax" at his residence at 930 Emerson st. nw., after his retirement.

Boy, 10, With Broken Back Will Go Home for Christmaas

Jimmy Spinks, a 10-year-old boy with a broken back from playing football, will have the best gift of all today—Christmas at home with his parents.

The red-headed youngster with the freckled face is encased in a plaster cast, a hard unyielding cocoon that he has worn now for nine weeks.

He lay on his bed yesterday in Children's Hospital staring at the ceiling. In his left hand he clutched five marbles. He was thinking. And his thoughts were happy ones.

When he reached his home in Paeonian Springs, Va., maybe he would find that Santa had brought the "bee-bee gun, two cap pistols, fire engine, and the box of chawklit candy" he had asked for.

But no football, please. He was finished with that forever.

Tomorrow he would come back, for many more weeks must follow before the cast can finally be removed.

Jimmy lay there quietly yesterday in the ward where one tiny baby rested silently nearby, its mouth taped, a tube running to one little leg carrying life-sustaining nourishment to its veins.

Jimmy played with his toy trucks and planes, rolling the truck on his chest and letting the plane swoop weakly through the air.

A little girl with long, brown curls and braces on her legs sat in her crib and watched him.

The Christmas tree blazed brightly. From down the echoing corridor came the wonderful sound of a music box. And Jimmy was happy. Pretty soon he would be seeing his dog "Tanny" and all the folks; pretty soon he would be looking at his own Christmas tree.

Changing Times Note

New Lexington, Ohio (U.P.).—Add trend of the times notes: The former Perry County OPA headquarters was remodeled into a beauty shop.

4th Republic Starts Official Rule in France

Paris, Dec. 24 (AP).—France's Fourth Republic came into being legally today, and the nation was ruled by a constitutional regime for the first time since her forces fell before the German invader six years ago.

The Fourth Republic was born at a time when the entire shaky foundation of France's colonial empire was threatened by bloody fighting in French Indo-China in the Viet-Namese bid for independence. The interim President, Socialist Leon Blum, already has ordered Gen. Jacques Le Clerc to Saigon in an attempt to halt the fighting.

The historic moment in France's long road to political reconstruction came at 3:11 p. m. (9:11 a. m., EST) when the upper house of the newly elected National Assembly held its first session.

From the moment the Council of the Republic convened, the new constitution, approved by the people in October, became effective. The council met only for 25 minutes and then adjourned until Friday, when its officers will be named.

64 Killed In Clash Near Greek Border

Athens, Greece, Dec. 24 (U.P.).—Fifty "bandits" and 14 gendarmes were killed in a six-hour battle Friday when 1800 leftists attacked the village of Vadia, 14 miles from the Turkish border, it was announced officially today.

A government communique said reinforcements were rushed to the aid of 30 gendarmes stationed in Vadia and repulsed the attackers.

Minister of Economic Coordination Stefanos Stefanopoulos, commenting on the United States State Department statement regarding American assistance to Greece, said it seconded the Greek view that foreign aid is required for reconstruction.

Mother, 70, in College

Seattle (U.P.).—Mrs. Lena Eckert, 70, is the oldest student attending the University of Washington. She is the mother of four graduates and is attending classes in creative writing.

Izvestia Hits Spellman as 'Hate-Stirrer'

Moscow, Dec. 24 (AP).—The government newspaper Izvestia, in a Christmas Eve denunciation of Francis Cardinal Spellman, accused the Catholic Archbishop of New York today of attempting to stir up "violent hatred" against Russia by warnings of a Soviet invasion of the United States.

(In New York, Cardinal Spellman was not available for comment.

(The Moscow radio, heard in London, quoted Izvestia as saying that Spellman presented "the Hitlerite myrmidons as martyrs" and chronic "anti-Soviet fabrications."

(The broadcast opened with a sardonic salute to the prelate, terming him an outstanding flier, mountain-climber, "gifted broadcaster," the "highest paid poet in America" and "a film scenario writer of great experience.")

The Izvestia blast, written by Columnist R. Moran, said the Cardinal had conducted an "anti-Soviet crusade" and was well known for his hatred of "everything progressive."

Moran said: "Seeing people well understand that Spellman's 'cross civilization' is only a screen employed to conceal another anti-Soviet crusade, doomed moreover, like all the rest, to inglorious failure."

Blast Harriman, Welles, Halsey

The attack was one of a number in the Moscow press commenting critically on Americans.

The bi-weekly political journal Bolshevik accused former United States Ambassador to Moscow W. Averell Harriman and former United States Ambassador to Moscow W. Averell Harriman and former United States Assistant Secretary of State Sumner Welles of lending their influence to an American newspaper campaign to "process the American public in the anti-Soviet spirit."

The same periodical assailed Admiral William F. Halsey, calling him a "contemporary American imperialist" because of his recent statement that American ships would go wherever the Navy pleased. This was interpreted by the Russian magazine as a demand for "American military control over all the seas and oceans."

U.S. Ship Nears Quake-Ruined City With Aid

Tokyo, Dec. 24 (U.P.).—An American tank landing ship loaded with blankets, food and medical supplies neared the devastated city of Shingu on the eastern coast of Wakayama Peninsula tonight, bringing relief to 14,000 homeless and 500 injured in a triple disaster of earthquake, tidal wave and fire.

The Japanese home ministry issued a revised official casualty list showing 1130 dead, 158 missing and 1304 injured as a result of Saturday's disaster.

The report on damage said 2378 vessels were wrecked on land or carried out to sea, 48 bridges demolished, 155 roads seriously damaged, 8119 buildings—mostly houses—demolished, 11,602 seriously damaged and 2000 burned by fires. Fifty-two factories also were reported ruined.

25% Raise Asked In Water Rates At Frederick

Frederick, Md., Dec. 24 (Spl.).—The Mayor's advisory committee last night recommended that the municipality raise water rates 25 per cent and set the 1947 tax rate at whatever figure is necessary to carry on the normal operations of the city government. Such an increase is figured to boost the city's receipts next year by $25,000.

The committee also recommended the adoption of recommendations of a subcommittee on city zoning and planning to seek legislation extending the city limits to include all that area within a three-mile radius of the public square.

The Board of County Commissioners announced yesterday that a tentative tax rate of $1.34 has been agreed upon, which would jump the present levy by 20 cents.

One Is 'Axis Sally'

Army Frees 3 Traitor Broadcasters

Frankfurt, Dec. 24 (AP).—United States Army officials disclosed in a Christmas Eve announcement today that Mildred Gillars, who they identified as a honey-voiced "Axis Sally" of the Berlin radio, was among three American broadcasters released from an Army prison.

"Axis Sally"

The other two, who also were frequently htard over the German radio during the war, were Minnesota-born former Embassy Clerk Herbert Burgman and Donald Day, former Chicago Tribune correspondent.

No charges are pending against any of the three, Army officials said, an dit is up to the Department of Justice to decide whether they will be prosecuted. The only restrictiin on their release was that they report regularly to the Army Intelligence branch.

Two Under Observation

Army officials emphasized the original detention of the three was ordered by the Department of Justice and that the department also authorized the release.

(In Washington, a Justice Department official told a reporter that the three will remain under observation and that no decision has been reached about prosecution. He declined comment on reasons for the releases.)

Miss Gillars, although informed she was free, declined to leave the Army detention center at nearby Oberursel, Army officials said. They added that they could not explain her action. Miss Gillars was born in Portland, Me.

Future Is Uncertain

An intelligence officer said that the silver-haired, lissome Miss Gillars, 37, came to Germany in 1934 to study piano in Dresden. Thousands of doughboys heard her sentimentally describe life and comforts in the United States and call on United States troops to surrender.

Ambassador Robert Murphy said in Berlin he was asking the State Department about the future of the three Americans.

"I wouldn't suppose they'd stay on in Germany," he said, "but their prospects of being allowed to return to the United States aren't certain, either. I'll have to hear first from Washington before I know."

New Zionist Head Waits Council Action

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 24 (AP).—The World Zionist Congress today empowered its general council to elect a Jewish Agency executive and name a president to succeed Dr. Chaim Weizmann, whose policy of continuing negotiations with Britain on the Palestine issue was repudiated here.

Last minute efforts to select an agency executive failed and the Congress adjourned its 13-day session. The general council meets tomorrow, but there was no indication that it would act immediately upon the elections.

Strong contender for the presidency was Rabbi A. H. Silver of Cleveland, Ohio, leader of the opposition to Dr. Weizmann's policies. Silver's resolution against continued negotiations with the British was carried by a vote of 171 to 154.

Dr. Weizmann's secretary said he was flying to London today.

Sleuth Trapped

Portland, Oreg. (U.P.). — When Walter Benson, burglar-alarm inspector, failed to return from a call to a store here, his office became alarmed and called police. Benson was found trapped inside the store's cashier cage. The door had swung shut and he couldn't get out.

SUPERMAN
"HA'VEARD ANY'E WON'T TALK!"
"SON! NAVY SECRET YOU KNOW—WITS IMPORTANT TO YOUR SO-CALLED COUNTRY THE RIGHT WAY!"
A FLIP OF SUPERMAN'S FINGER SENDS THE EXPERIMENTAL WING-WARPED GREAT WESTERN WARPLANE...
"SOUND YOURS!"
HALP!
HANG ON!!

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED
SOMEONE IS COMING! SEE?
YES, AND HE'S CARRYING NO GAME! YET HE FIRED A SHOT—
—JUDY DEAR, SHOT HIMMA!
HA-HA-HA! THERE PIES WILDERNESS GIRL'S SHACK!
STILL ONE LITTLE MINUTE I WILL MAKE HER TELL AS WHERE HER FORTUNE!

Gonzagans Off Today for New Orleans Bowl Game

Post Staff Photo—Rapland

AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS it is when a boy gets a ball and bat, or boxing gloves or a football or basketball. He's going to have heaps of fun as you can tell from the above pictures. Left to right: Ernest Dove, 11, of 2515 27th st., South Arlington, tries out his new basketball; a future Sammy Baugh, maybe, 6-yealr-old Pete Rueling, 3521 6th st., South Arlington, loosens up his arm for a long pass Christmas Day; Little Joe Rogers, 3, lands one on his big brother, Donald, 7, Dunn Loring, Va., in a tryout for post-Christmas matches; Arvel Clark, 12, 912 G st. nw., gets ready for spring practice just like a big leaguer

This Morning

With Shirley Povich

IT LOOKS SUSPICIOUSLY like a bum rap they are dealing out to my friend Ray Flaherty, coach of the New York football Giants. The stories of dissension on his team and the charge of one clique of players that Flaherty butched the job of coaching the club, have the ring of cry-baby bleating.

POVICH

The charges are heard following the 14-9 defeat of the Yankees in the play-off game for the All-America Conference title at Cleveland, and would seem to be a strange aftermath of that ball game. Flaherty took an admittedly inferior Yankee team into the battle with the Browns, who were quoted as 13-point favorites after twice beating the Yanks earlier in the season, and the first reaction at the game's end was that the Flaherty team had surpassed itself.

Now a coach who led his team to the Eastern Division title and was in front in the play-off game until the last four minutes, is being accused of doing a bad job. At least, End Perry Schwartz, spokesman for the disgruntled group, says: "Flaherty had no consideration for the players at any time and we were mentally burned out before we met the Browns. This is the first successful but unhappy season I have ever had."

I KNOW RAY FLAHERTY as a strict disciplinarian, and it is believable that some of the players he inherited from the defunct Brooklyn franchise may have kicked over the traces of his stern rule. But if the disgruntled players were able to build up any kind of a case against Flaherty, they later invited scorn and collapse of their whole argument when it was added by one player that:

"Flaherty was challenged to at least three fist fights during the season, but had not accepted any of them."

I don't believe that last, and it stamps the extreme absurdity of the charges against Flaherty. The ability of any football player to say that Flaherty ducked one fist fight would be a feat. That nobody ever challenged him twice, or a third time without being obliged is sheer nonsense. Ray Flaherty is afraid of nobody, and the chances are he would lick any of the bruisers who dared him to fight.

With the Redskins' veterans it is legendary how when Flaherty found the 280-pound Willie Wilkin a bit obstreperous he'd cool the big tackle by outmauling him on the practice field.

UTTERLY RIDICULOUS IS THE CHARGE that Flaherty doesn't coach a team well. His record in pro football need merely to be cited to hold him up as a supersuccessful coach. He was an All-League end with Steve Owen's Giants until 1935 and in his first year as head coach with the Boton Redskins his club beat out the Giants for the Eastern Division title.

Moving to Washington with the Redskins, Flaherty compiled a sensational record. In eight years as a head coach, he won four Eastern Division titles, two play-off titles, and finished as low as third only once.

His Redskins were devoted to Flaherty, despite his strict disciplinarian measures. He instituted the 11 p. m curfew for his player, and charged them $1 per minute if they checked in late. He talked tough to 'em, but the Redskins knew he wasn't asking them to do anything that he couldn't do himself.

Flaherty protected his ballplayers from front-office interference, for which they were grateful. When there were rumors that there were attempts to "fix" certain Redskins to throw games, Col. Leo DeOrsey put it best when he said:

"Any Redskin player who might have been tempted, always knew the chance he was taking. He knew that Flaherty would personally punch him in the nose, even on suspicion he was talking to fixers."

WHAT KIND OF AN ELEMENT Flaherty found among his New York players I can't say, but from their reactions it is obvious that he doesn't like them and will clean house. His scorn for a cry-baby is surpassed only by his contempt for a football player who could be bribed to throw a game.

I didn't like Owner Dan Topping's comment on the situation, incidentally. He said "This is the first time I have heard of any dissension on our club. . . . Naturally, we will study the situation and have a statement later. . . . Meanwhile, all I can say is that Flaherty was hired to win football games and he was very successful at that."

That isn't the kind of support from a club owner Flaherty has the right to expect. The "study the situation" business is tired shibboleth. The time has come for Topping to say he is either with or against Flaherty. If I know Flaherty, he'll want a vote of confidence quick or Topping will have a coachless ball team in his uncertain lap.

Graziano Hurt, Shanks' Bout Off

New York, Dec. 24 (AP).—Rocky Graziano, New York middleweight who was to have headlined a boxing show in Madison Square Garden Friday night, was forced to withdrawn from the bout late today because of a back injury suffered in training.

Graziano doubled up with pain from the undetermined injury and was unable to straighten up immediately, Rogers said. The East Side belter was to have fought Cowboy Ruben Shank of Denver.

Alumni After Stagg's Son

Selinsgrove, Pa., Dec. 24 (AP).—Dr. G. Morris Smith, president of Susquehanna University, today belittled a reported move by disgruntled graduates to oust A. A. Stagg, jr.

Earlier at Johnstown, Pa., attorney Ernest F. Walker, president of the university's Alumni Association, he "understood" petitions asking Stagg's removal were circulated soon after the school announced a father-son coaching combination consisting of the present coach and his 84-year-old father, Amos Alonzo Stagg, sr.

Kramer, U. S. Cup Ace, Has Foot Injury

Melbourne, Dec. 24 (AP).—Another surprise package was handed to the Australian Davis Cup team and public today in the disclosure of a minor injury of John (Jake) Kramer, ace of America's cup team which will meet the Australians in the challenge round her December 26, 27, 28.

While the Australians still were in a dither over the unexpected nomination of Ted Schroeler over Frank Parker for the second singles berth on Uncle Sam's chanllenges, the Americans revealed that Kramer, on whose shoulders will rest the heaviest burden, had injured a small bone in the bottom of one of his feet.

The Montebello, Calif., luminary will meet Dinny Pails, Australia's No. 2 singles man, and Schroeder will take on the formidable John Bromwich in the opensing singles matches Thursday. (The matches start approximately 10:30 p. m. (EST). The doubles, in which Kramer and Schroeder unofficially are slated to oppose Bromwick and Adrian Quist, will be held Friday and the remaining two singles settos Saturday.

Discounts Injury

Kramer, who was troubled with a blistered hand at Wimbledon and at Forest Hills last summer, insisted that the injury was small potatoes and that it wouldn't bother him.

Walter Pate, non-playing captain of the United States team and the other members of the squad, weren't much alarmed.

The Australians, who would like to hold onto the Cup which they won from the Americans in 1939, were extremely dismayed when they heard the news. The Aussies believe they are going to emerge triumphant and they want to do so without any cloud.

Won U. S. Crown

Kramer's trainer ordered him to take it easy in the final practice sessions today and tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Australian tennis writers in commenting on Schroeder's selection for the second single spot, virtually were unanimous in agreeing that the unexpected move had enhanced Australia's chances of retaining the Cup.

The comment of R. E. Schlesinger, former Australian star player, in the Melbourne Sun seemed to sum up their attitude.

Schlesinger wrote:

"Before it was announced that Schroeder would be America's second singles representative I felt confident that Australia would defeat America by three rubbers to two. I still predict that we will win by the same margin, but there is now a decided possibility that the final tally will be four rubbers to one in favor of Australia."

Grid Player Killed

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 24 (AP).—Russell G. Schultz, 24, a member of the varsity football squad at the University of Wisconsin, and Miss Helen Kessel, 17, of Decorah, Iowa, were killed early toda when the automible in which they were were riding jumped a curb and struck a tree.

Pate Predicts U. S. Win Over Aussies

Melbourne, Dec. 24 (U.P.).—Captain Walter Pate predicted today that his American Davis Cup team would win the coveted trophy emblematic of world tennis supremacy from Australia by a score of 3—2 "or maybe 4—1."

The American leader would not comment on charges by Frankie Parker, who apparently has been completely sidelined from further play, that "personalities" entered into the team selection.

U. S. Can Hear Davis Cup Play

Sydney, Dec. 24 (AP).—Australian government radio stations are planning to broadcast a stroke-by-stroke description of every Davis Cup match on every short wave program beamed abroad.

Singles are scheduled at 1:30 p. m., Eastern Australian Time, on Thursday and Saturday and the doubles at 2 p. m. Friday. (The respective times are 10:30 p. m., EST, Wednesday and Friday, and 11 p. m., EST, Thursday.)

Paris Offered Jobs to 2 Other Giant Players

New York, Dec. 24 (AP).—Alvin J. Paris, indicted on charges of attempting to bribe two professional football players in an effort to throw a championship game, offered "lucrative off-season jobs to two other players, a source close to the District Attorney disclosed today.

This development came as Paris' trial on the indictment was adjourned by general sessions Judge Saul S. Streit until January 2 after a heated argument in which the defense sought a month's delay.

The indictment charged Paris offered $2500 each and $1000 bets to Merle Hapes and Frank J. Filchock, backfield stars of the New York Giants football team, if they would attempt to lose the game with the Chicago Bears December 15.

Two More Approached

The offer of jobs to two other players, according to the authoritative source, was made by Paris, to two other Giant players.

[The United Press reported that the two other Giants players offered off-season jobs "were identified as Howard (Howie) Livingston, star halfback, and Victor Carroll, right tackle."]

It was pointed out that the jobs were legitimate, probbaly sales positions, and that such offers to widely known athletes were not unusual.

The offers reportedly were made about two weeks before the Giants-Bears game.

Three Motions

When the case of Paris was called Defense Attorneys Caesar B. F. Barra and William V. Breslin presented thre motions, one to postpone the trial for a month, one for a commission to take testimony of witnesses out of the State, and the third for a list of witnesses, who appeared before the grand jury.

The court granted the motion for the list of witnesses. Assistant District Attorney George Monaghan said the witnesses were Hapes, Filchock and Edward Maney, a detective asigned to the safe and loft squad.

The defense listed 10 persons they want to be examined by a commission. The chief witness on this list was Ida McGuire, described as a show girl and now believed to be in San Diego, Calif. Defense attorneys said she was with Paris the night he was arrested.

"She was a friend of the defendant," Barra told the court. "The defenshe has a right to assume she will testify that at no time when she was present with the defendant and the two players was there a discussion of bribery."

Special Group Asked To Settle Coach Strike

Easton, Pa., Dec. 24 (AP).—The Easton school board today asked a special committee to recommend what should be done about the coaching situation in Easton's public schools as the result of a work stoppage by four junior high school basketball coaches over a demand for $100 additional salary.

President Wesley S. Mitman named the committee after board member Amos Smith had announced the strike.

Jockey Went South:

Haight Parlays 20 Dollars Into Pretty Christmas Card

By Walter Haight
Post Reporter

WITH THE PRO football "fix" story in the news, it was only natural that a friend should ask, "Haight, did you ever fix a horse race?"

Haight

I answered with a definite "No." In fact, I never tried. However, this being so near Christmas I must confess I once tried to fix one horse in a race.

It was the final day of the meeting and the day before Christmas. I had been having miserable luck. My bankroll was worked down to a nubbin.

With Christmas shopping still to come, I had only $20 to my name and little chance of borrowing, because I was at the stage of the game where "If I know you, I owe you," if you knows what I mean.

I was dreaming of a black Christmas as I fondled those two $10 bills and looked over the day's entries for a spot to make or break.

In the first race there was a horse I knew would be at least 10 to 1 and had a swell chance. I decided to put my roll one the nag.

On the way to the track, I met a jockel whom I had befriended many times. In fact, a few days before I had gotten him off a five-day suspension by explaining to officials that the horse, and not the rider, was to blame.

I ASKED HIM if he had a mount in the first race. He nodded and mentioned a 20-to-1 shot. "I haven't any chance ,so don't be ton me,' 'he cautioned.

"I'll tell you why I asked," I replied, "I've only 20 bucks and I'm going to bet this 10-1 horse. Here's where you come in. I know my horse has speed enough to get to the front early. You try to get close up and if anything comes on entering the stretch—well, you could be a little troublesome."

"I get what you mean," he came back. "I'll do it, too."

When the gate opened, my

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Ike Williams Gets Injunction

New York, Dec. 24 (AP).—New York Supreme Court Justice Bernard Botein today granted Ike Williams, NBA lightweight boxing champion, a temporary injunction restraining the fighter's manager Cornelius McCarthy, the New York Boxing Managers Guild, Inc., and James White, a guild director, from interfering with Williams' ring activities.

As a condition for granting the the injunction, Justice Botein directed Williams to deposit in court one third of his ring earnings from today on until the case is settled.

In his affidavit Williams said that on August 2, 1944, he entered into a two-year managerial contract with McCarthy. Last September, the fighter said that he told McCarthy that in the future he would manage himself.

Williams' affidavit continued that the "defendant thereupon undertook a course of conduct which was calculated and intended to intimidate me into recognizing McCarthy as my manager despite the fact that my contract with him had expired.

Caps Planning Kids' Clinic

By Morris Siegel
Post Reporter

"Anything for the kids," responded the Caps yesterday when they were asked to appear at Saturday morning basketball clinics for area youngsters.

"We will be happy to do anything we can to cooperate with any program to enhance the recreational and athletic facilities for youngsters," said Coach Red Auerbach of Washington's league-leading courtmen.

That's the starter, kids. Basketball pointers by the Washington Capitols. It's going to start on January 4. Hardy Pearce, public high athletic director, and Richard Tennyson, superintendent of the school gymnasiums, will confer on Monday and the dates and sites of the various clinics will be announced in The Post.

The set-up is something like this. Each Saturday morning, at gyms in various sections of the city, one Cap will be at each

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Inside Basketball

Pivot Playing by John Norlander

(This is the fourth in a series of basketball tips by members of the Washington Capitols of the Basketball Association of America. Watch for the next one: Ball-handling by Buddy O'Grady.)

PLAYING THE PIVOT is one of the most interesting phases of basketball. Many plays can be worked off the pivot and a good slot man is one of your team's most valuable assets.

All pivot men are not giants. Therefore, the few suggestions I have, apply to the general run of pivot men. First of all, when starting the game, feel out your opponent to see how easily he is faked out of position, whether he switches when a teammate cuts by and how deep in the key he will let you play.

Norlander

Always try to meet the ball when thrown in by a teammate, but stay as deep in the key as you can. A pivot man is not dangerous far out on the court away from the slot.

Keep faking at all times. The idea is to outmaneuver your guard. Once you have him guessing he's licked. It's a good idea the first time to shoot, not fake. That will give you an idea of how your man is playing you. Later on, use two fakes, to the left and right. Not every time, but mix it up. It's deception that counts in the slot. Fake right, then left, then take a right-handed pivot shot. Another good pivot shot is the two-handed overhand shot. This is difficult to stop. A good fake followed by a quick pass to a teammate breaking by you is a good play. But make that pass good.

Stay crouched when receiving the ball. Reach out for it. Often, your guard will foul you trying to intercept the ball.—JOHN NORLANDER.

Ball Player Faints On Becoming Father

Everett, Wash., Dec. 24 (AP). Earl Torgeson, recently sold by Seattle to the Boston Braves, received a Christmas present at Providence Hospital today but it almost proved too much.

Such events as wounds of battle in Germany pailed beside the momentous event. He fell to the floor in a faint when told he was a father of a daughter.

Revived, he was taken to the nursery. One look and he fainted again.

Giants' Kerr Takes Marion's Shortstop Title

New York, Dec. 24 (U.P.).—Gangling John (Buddy) Kerr of the New York Giants relieved Cardinal Marty Marion of his "Mr. Shortstop" title in 1946 by leading all National League shortstops in fielding and cracking two circuit records, official figures disclosed today.

The 24-year-old Kerr was the best defensive shortstop in both major leagues with an average of .982. He played errorless ball in the last 52 games of the season and wiped out the previous league record of 51 consecutive errorless games established by Leo Durocher with Cincinnati in 1931.

The Giant infielder broke another fielding record for National League shortstops by accepting 286 consecutive errorless chances.

Marion Has .973

Marion, the circuit's perennial leader at his position, finished second to Kerr with a .973 percentage.

The St. Louis Cardinals, who led the league in fielding with a .980 mark, boasted two individual fielding pacemakers in Al (Red) Schoendienst and George (Whitey) Kurowski. Schoendienst led all second basemen with a .984 average and Kurowski topped the loop's third basemen with a percentage of .966.

Philadelphia's Frank McCormick paced the first basemen in the field with a superlative .999 mark, compiled on one error in 1284 chances. McCormick erased the league's former standard for first basemen held by Walter Holke of Boston, who fielded .997 in 1921.

Gordon Leads Fielders

Top outfielding triumvirate consisted of Sid Gordon of the Giants with .995, Dain Clay of Cincinnati with .988, and Tommy Holmes of the Braves with .987. Dick Whitman, Dodger outfielder, finished with a 1.000 mark, handling 183 chances without a bobble, but he appeared in only 85 games.

Ray Mueller of Cincinnati was top fielding catcher with a .994 average. Mueller also extended the league's record for consecutive games caught to 233 by catching his club's first 16 games of the campaign.

Although '37 National League pitchers finished with a 1.000 fielding average, Southpaw Johnny Schmitz of the Chicago Cubs topped all the flingers by handling the most chances, 61.

In addition to Schmitz, two other Cub hurlers figured in National League fielding records. Bob Chipman started three double plays on June 1 against Boston to tie the circuit mark, and Claude Passeau extended his major league record of consecutive errorless chances by a pitcher to 275 before booting one against the Cardinals on May 28.

Zaleski, New Pro Golfer at Mannsfield

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 24 (Spl.)—Johnny Zaleski, assistant golf professional at Hermitage County Club, Richmond, has been as pro for Mansfield Hall Country Club here as of January 1. Zaleski, 34-year-old, was assistant pro at the Cedar Ridge Club in New Jersey before entering the army in which he served four years. He went to Richmond after his discharge from the service.

40 Players Will Make Bowl Trip

By Herb Heft
Post Reporter

Christmas dinner this year will come a little earlier than usual for 46-man football contingent from Gonzaga High School that entrains tonight for New Orleans.

The group, consisting of 40 players plus three student managers, Coach Joe Kozik, Athletic Moderator; Father Herlihy, Gonzaga President ,Neil Gardan and Principal Father Graham, leaves on the 6:25 train for the site of Saturday's big Catholic Youth Bowl game between Gonzaga and Jesuit High of New Orleans.

Kozik told the players to be through with their dinners early and meet at Gonzgaga at 5 p. m. today. The squad will leave together from there for Union Station. All baggage was carried to the station yesterday.

Final Home Drill

The squad went through its final home drill to check signals yesterday. Coach Kozik reported his team in excellent shape for the big game.

However, probably the most excited member of the New Orleans bound party was not one of the players, but Father Herlihy, veteran athletic moderator. It's by far the longest trip a Gonzaga team has ever taken, and the longest trip made by a Washington high school football team since McKinley Tech played at Tuscaloosa, Ala., in 1929.

And Father Herlihy is busying himself with worry over whether his boys will get nervous indigestion on the way down, whether they'll catch cold down there because of the difference in climate, whether the baggage may get lost on the way down, and whether they'll be in good condition after the long trip.

Practice on Friday

The Gonzaga train is scheduled to arrive in New Orleans at 8:25 p. m. tomorrow. A practice session is planned for Friday afternoon at the Tulane University stadium. The game takes place Saturday afternoon at the City Park Stadium that seats 25,000, and is expected to be filled.

At a bull session in Father Herlihy's office after yesterday's drill, Billy DeChard called attention to that fact that New Orleans papers are making Jesuit two touchdown favorite.

Father Herlihy replied, "You'll remember that before last year's game against Boys Town, we were also two-touchdown underdogs. Boys Town had been undefeated in a nine-game tour across the Nation. But we whipped 'em, 9-0."

Gonzaga's traveling party:
Players—David Gardiner, John O'Keefe, Patrick Gibbons, Harvey Lowe, Michael Nolan, Robert Brungs, Donald Vaughan, Thomas DeVeau, William Mueller, James Smithan, Thomas O'Keefe, Thomas DiBattista, Richard Brown, Francis Gilmore, John Wolfe, Paul Coombs, Ronald Redmond, John Hogan, Gilbert Buckingham, William DeChard, Donald Hogan, Joseph Hitselberger, Francis Logue, David Logan, Joseph Kelly, George Tyler, Richard Welch, Vincent Puglisse, Bernard Lavins, John Young, Paul Wintermyer, Daniel Mountain, Edward Liske, John O'Neill, John Hurley, Charles Fletcher, George Ellis, William Hitselberger, John Masgruder.
Managers—Francis Sheehan, John McPhaul, Francis Connelly. Coach—Joseph Kozik. Athletic moderator—Father Cornelius Herlihy. Principal—Father Graham. President—Neil Gardan.

U. C. L. A. Explains Ticket Setup

Pasadena, Cal., Dec 24 (U.P.).—Ucla officials, stormed by disappointed football fans who waited in line as long as three nights for Rose Bowl tickets, explained today that a doubled allotment to Illinois kept it from meeting its commitments for public sale.

Although more than 7000 tickets to the annual New Year's Day game were advertised, first come first served and two to a customer, only abopt 2000 were passed out to the fans who swarmed up to the ticket cages yesterday. About 1000 fans got tickets although more than 50000 wre lined up.

Horse Destroyed, 2 Jockeys Escape Injury in Tropical Spill

Bennings

Tropical Park

Dear Folks:

From the Australian Embassy comes the following note by J. G. Bridges:

"Although Australian lovers of the thoroughbred do not like to lose their best racehorses to other countries, I imagine they will not be very unhappy that in losing Bernborough they are losing him to a grand sportsman in Louis B. Mayer, the well known American owner. Mr. Mayer has raced, and I think still races, a small string in Australia, so he has established a firm Austral-American link in sport. In getting Bernborough for the stud he is certainly getting a magnificent animal, a big bay who won all his races with crushing weight by turning on an extraordinary burst of speed in the straight. I saw him winning most of that long sequance of 15 events, bumping in most of them anything up to 150 pounds. I was lucky enough to be at Flemington, Victoria, on the day when Bernborough won the Newmarket, Australia's six-furlong classic, run up the straight course. When he passed me a furlong from home there were 16 horses ahead of him and he was in a pocket, so I "wiped him off." But in the last yard he got up to snatch victory by the shortest of heads. He ran his greatest race in the Caulfield Cup, the event which ended his winning sequence. This is the severest race in Australia, run over 12 furlongs. Bernborough carried 150 pounds into fifth place and but for two bad checks he would have won. Lucky owner of this great horse, the successor to Phar Lap, winner of the Aqua Caliente Handicap, was a Sydney night spot proprietor, A Romano. His rider was tiny George Mulley, who always had to carry very heavy leadbags to make up the weight. Among Bernborough's thick and thin supporters were United States servicemen who were still in Australia."

If you see Mr. Bridges, tell him we will take good care of his country's great horse. Who knows, he may sire our Kentucky Derby and Preakness winners in a few years.—BILL.

1—Cambric, Albatross, Steel Reigh
2—Dolly Varden, Mel Cavano, Winter Song
3—Spring Thaw, Can't Catch Me, Riel Time
4—Pelops, Jingle Jangle, Happy Pilot
5—Hay-Jay, Broom Ride, Stan Tracy
6—STATESMAN, Bel Reigh, Eire
7—Hedgethorn, Stel entry, Ring Master
8—Ticco entry, Lord Hairan, Wesley A.

Fair Grounds

1—5½; $1100; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

De Soto	113	Tiger Miss 111
Voodoo Lady	111	Palter Gal 105
Miss Impish	111	Bip 117
Twinney	106	Highthorne 111
Kitty Grey	97	Chero Kaid 115
Fly the Coop	120	Dinky 109
Dick Nasinapur	105	Marie Olympia 111
Jr. O'Sullivan	111	Herbie 103

2—5½; $1100; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

Jewstone	106	Hawaiian Rock 100
Mista	115	Night Editor 117
Jo Nasinapur	107	Kiel's Best 115
Not Tomorrow	106	Early Delivery 115
Wicked	120	Knight's Quest II 115
Nesbie	120	Cyclorama 109
Tunco	117	Random Brown 109
Agrullador	115	Baron Omar 111

3—1 1/16; $1100; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

Valnor	113	Roncat 112
Pawnbroker	97	Privy Dottie 115
Pahokian	107	Here Goes 120
Bolo Prince	111	Green Letter 111
Crucible	111	Sunny Sister 111
Gala Step	105	One More 112
Carolina Ball	109	Vesurius 115
Jim Pal	117	Ashbysburg 106
Old Folks	111	Sweep Play 106

4—5½; $1100; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

Big Buffy	102	Dick Stickney 113
Muss	107	Aerial Gunner 114
Fort Said	110	Gay Baby 110
Dear Kim	107	Durban 108
Platter	113	Huguette 107
Good Message	107	Silvermish 110
Platinum Sands	110	Soon Me 108

5—5½; $1500; 3-year-olds up; allowances.

*Know How	111	Bengal Boy 109
Paula's Star	111	Goldie's Honey 117
Kashek	111	Nine R. Train 111
Fu Dog's	111	Final Glory 109
†Darien	111	Whitchtack 109
Achance	103	Plaidloch 115
Laundry Boy	108	Mrs. Valenti 109
Hyperions	117	Double Feature 117
†Jamabel	106	

†W. H. Bishop entry.
†H. D. Ulmer and T. H. Heard, jr., entry.

6—5½; $3500; 3-year-olds up; handicap.

Parasang	105	†Flare Back 121
Scholarship	121	†Islam Prince 110
Bold Question	109	Shako 109

†J. E. Theall entry.

7—1 1/16; $1800; 3-year-olds up; allowances.

Noble One	108	Toy Guy 106
Dev's Risk	104	Nostalgia 109
Prince Halifax	111	Flourish 113
Lissable	113	Son Wolf 106

8—1 1/16; $1100; 3-year-olds up; allowances.

Chistan	112	Cove Spring 111
Grace Rogers	112	Milkymoon 111
Mallow	117	Border Voluble 112
Woodmere	104	Karl's Best 115
My Reward	111	Ty Special 115
Insulate	108	

Fair Grounds

1—5½; $1100; maiden 3-year-olds up; clg.

Good Check	115	(Gross)	5.80 4.00 3.20
Good Emily	110	(J. Combest)	6.20 5.80
Rosie Damsel	115	(Gaynon)	5.80

Banner Bearer, Sir Panar, W. A. Moore, Cedar Park, Chickenconfenc, China Princess, Polly Walsh.

2—1 1/16; $1100; 2-year-olds; allowances.

Arcies	116	(Kiesal)	3.20 2.40 2.20
Lucky Brother	106	(Bass)	5.40 2.40
Ivy Forever	116	(Hooper)	2.80

Lamp Your Lass, Bottle Gal, War Chance, Betty Skelly, Jan Rod, Sweet Sally, Queen's Jewel.

DAILY DOUBLE PAID $11.

3—1 1/16; $1100; maiden 3-year-olds up.

Little Eddie	107	(Kelly)	4.20 3.60 2.80
Sixty's Thirty	107	(Phillips)	7.80 4.60
Prince Minister	115	(Trzoska)	3.00

*Long's Boy, *Miller Boy, Fort Wine, *Carrie D., Blue Snow, Flagshifter, Sun Tannery, Rosie Ogley, Rush Crest. *Field.

4—5½; $1100; claiming; 3-year-olds.

Bells High	110	(Baird)	5.40 2.40 2.40
Bolo Bluff	105	(Monsen)	5.60 2.80
Dixie Belle	105	(West)	2.60

Anything Liquidater, Miami Moon, Blue Mountain, Private Andy.

5—5½; $1100; claiming; 3-year-olds up.

Frisky Spirit	112	(Tenaglio)	5.20 4.40 4.00
Hither Dome	114	(Swain)	7.00 5.40
Feather Bed	106	(Augustine)	8.20

Mercury, Pikers Bid, *Gin and It, Tony Leo, K. Derby, *Heat Wave, Alar, Calm Port, *Greenfields.

*Field.

6—1 1/16; $1800; 3-year-olds up; allowances.

Yorkside	111	(Phillips)	14.60 5.20 4.40
Miss Alibi	104	(Bressan)	4.40 2.40
*Lazova	114	(Baird)	6.20

Perisir, Light Reign, Regal Maid, *Squadron Girl, Steel Chain, *King Victory, Turnable, Rose Canyon, Pilates Miss.

*Field.

ADD FAIR GROUNDS

7—1 1/16; $1100; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

Devil's Reward	106	(Jamieson)	11.20 4.60 3.40
Lady Duane	112	(Shufelt)	8.40 3.80
Impenetrable	120	(Barner)	2.80

Vinlin (Gerard), Annnow, War Ripple, Well Play, Happy Pilot.

8—1 1/16; $1100; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

Part King	114	(Hooper)	7.20 5.00 3.20
Dean's Pair	107	(Delacis)	17.60 6.80
Code Meaning	112	(Deaton)	4.00

One Hook, Golden Message, More Sting, Ace of Spades, Waddy, Cee Raf, *Rose Exhibit, Sunny Jack, *Sir Chicle.

*Field.

Post Consensus

AT TROPICAL PARK

1—Steel Reigh, Narada, Reich.
2—Mel Cavano, Mirlyne, Head Smart.
3—Spring Thaw, Spring Thaw, Verona Sands.
4—Pelops, Happy Pilot, Feleridge.
5—Hay-Jay, Jesta, Stan Tracy.
6—Statesman, Hedgette, Trojan Fleet.
7—Mel Ford-Emery entry, Helpathere.
8—Mel Ford-Emery entry, Big Hall.

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JIMMY CARRICK, 9-year-old Seabee mascot who is receiving treatment at Shriners' Hospital, Philadelphia, for a spinal disease, today received a Christmas present—a football signed by all members of the 1946 Middie football team plus Admirals Chester Nimitz and Ernest King. Presenting the pigskin is Navy Coach Tom Hamilton (right), while Capt. Edward Graffin of the Seabees is at the left. Jimmy told Hamilton he hopes to play for Navy in about 1956

3-Year-Old Breaks Leg During Race

Tropical Park, Fla., Dec. 24 (AP). A promising 3-year-old colt was so badly injured he had to be destroyed and two jockeys miraculously escaped injuries today in a spill that marked the third race.

M. B. Milberg's Blood Brother, the 17-to-20 favorite in the field of 12, took command leaving the backstretch and then broke his left foreleg. Pockey Larney Hansman managed to slip off to safety when the animal broke down.

Mr. Flip, however, ran into Blood Brother and Apprentice Willie Demar was thrown. The apprentice escaped with a shaking up, but the track physician ordered him to take off for the remainder of the afternoon.

Another accident marked the eighth race. Fandango unseated Apprentice Consolato Errico early in the running. The boy limped off the track.

Feature to Laboulaye

Laboulaye, a New England campaigner which recently ran fourth in his local debut, got up in the last stride to win the Anticipation Purse before 8569 fans.

The Marilyn Stable's representative, paying $13.60 with Chris Rogers doing the booting, turned the six furlongs in 1:11 1/5 as he headed the Clinton Farm's Sea Wolf. R. Bruce Livie's Ariel Song was third, another head behind in the three-way camera windup.

Back in the ruck was Weston Adams' Flag Drill, which handed favorite followers in the preholiday throng their fifth setback in six races decided. The colt was outrun all the way, finishing fifth of the eight starters.

Canadian Auto Magnate R. S. McLaughlin scratched his Florida star of last winter—Wee Admiral—to rely upon Gregalach in the Anticipation, but the second-stringer of his entry failed to reveal the speed that saw him winning his last four stars in Canada.

Danny J. rushed into a four-lengths lead before the others had fairly settled into their strides. He remained daylight on top until the closing drive began, then faded to fourth. Laboulaye, rated third to the stretch, shot between horses in a game move which came just in time. Sea Wolf, slow to get started, also finished with a rush to nip Ariel Song, the one which forced most of the pace.

Tropical Park

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs; purse, $2000; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

P.P.	Horse and Jockey.	Wgt.	Odds.
1	Albatross (no boy)	114	10-1
2	Chance Game (Padgett)	111	10-1
3	Liberty Fan (Layton)	114	3-1
4	Cambric (Stout)	113	8-1
5	Nayada (no boy)	112	15-1
6	Joyce W. (Little)	107	30-1
7	Hatch (Padgett)	114	8-1
8	Senator C. (no boy)	112	20-1
9	Tisfetchit (De Young)	112	20-1
10	Cantharis (no boy)	113	30-1
11	Hand Rider (no boy)	115	8-1
12	Steel Reigh (no boy)	114	5-1
13	J. F. Curry (Basile)	114	15-1
14	Army Glider (Richard)	114	10-1
15	Maximack (Richard)	114	20-1
16	French Lure (McPhee)	104	20-1
17	Bob O'Sullivan (Polk)	106	20-1
18	Oneshill (Scurlock)	114	20-1

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs; purse, $3000; the Mistletoe; allowances; 3-year-olds up; fillies and mares.

1	Mitylene (Hanes)	106	3-1
2	Primrose Lady (no boy)	106	20-1
3	Head Smart (no boy)	117	10-1
4	Evelyn Rolls (no boy)	113	15-1
5	Sunny (Wimmer)	111	20-1
6	Americus Wave (McPhee)	107	12-1
7	Azure Wings (no boy)	109	8-1
8	Jayjoce (Claggett)	116	3-1
9	Dolly Varden (Stout)	113	6-1
10	Mid Cavana (Stadler)	106	20-1
11	Beedee (no boy)	114	20-1
12	Bosage (Errico)	111	20-1
13	O. K. Ruby (Mills)	114	20-1
14	Princess Rima (Stadler)	116	15-1
15	Santa Candida (Scurlock)	113	30-1
16	White Wine (Roberts)	114	8-1
17	Winter Song (McPhee)	111	10-1
18	Tina (no boy)	106	20-1

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs; purse, $2000; 3-year-olds; claiming.

1	Riel Time (no boy)	113	8-1
2	Can't Catch Me (Padgett)	111	12-1
3	Spring Thaw (Rogers)	119	5-1
4	Jeanne Belle (no boy)	108	10-1
5	Suribachi (Olah)	103	20-1
6	Together (C. L. Smith)	108	20-1
7	One Eleven (no boy)	116	4-1
8	Mr. Dodo (Mills)	106	20-1
9	Verona Sands (no boy)	109	3-1
10	Scotch Count (Richards)	114	8-1
11	Dolly Zee (no boy)	110	10-1
12	Fleeting Sands (no boy)	109	10-1
13	Tree Land (no boy)	123	4-1

FOURTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles; purse, $2000; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

1	Tm O'Sullivan (no boy)	106	12-1
2	Pelops (no boy)	118	3-1
3	Orisis (no boy)	103	15-1
4	Canno (no boy)	109	20-1
5	Blue Gem (Layton)	113	30-1
6	Happy Pilot (no boy)	106	5-1
7	Febridge (McGowan)	116	6-1
8	Jingle Jangle (Jacobs)	114	8-1
9	Love Story (no boy)	99	30-1
10	Smoke Puff (Bauer)	116	8-1
11	Heather Girl (Rogers)	105	30-1
12	Miss Vision (no boy)	109	8-1
13	Barnacle (Li Causi)	113	30-1

FIFTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles; purse, $3200; the Chorister; allowance; class A; 3-year-olds up.

1	†Desert Ration (no boy)	112	30-1
2	Stan Tracy (Wilson)	112	4-1
3	Broom Ride (Rogers)	109	8-1
4	Canadian Colors (Hanes)	113	10-1
5	Justa Note (Stout)	113	3-1
6	†Free Transit (no boy)	111	20-1
7	Hay-Jay (N. Combest)	108	3-1
8	Turnpike (Young)	110	5-1
9	Paragram (R. J. Martin)	113	30-1

†The Frances Stable and M. Level entry.

SIXTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles; purse, $3000; added; the Christmas Handicap; 3-year-olds up.

1	Bel Reigh (Rogers)	113	6-1
2	Statesman (Scurlock)	117	5-2
3	Darby Dimont (Stadler)	110	20-1
4	Trojan Fleet (Padgett)	120	8-1
5	Crack Reward (Chestnut)	115	4-1
6	Eire (Young)	113	6-1
7	Prefect (Jr.) (Hanes)	114	12-1
8	Heliotic (no boy)	114	10-1
9	†Bill Hardey (Moore)	118	5-1
10	Cat Bridge (no boy)	119	12-1
11	Royal Regent (Stout)	114	8-1
12	Sir Gong (Layton)	114	8-1
13	†Apropiado (no boy)	108	5-1

†Oran Lodge Stable entry.

SEVENTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles; purse, $2000; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

1	Spartacus (no boy)	113	12-1
2	Asthetice (Olah)	98	20-1
3	Mal (Rogers)	113	3-1
4	The Fakir (Delara)	109	10-1
5	Stride Well (no boy)	110	20-1
6	Bonnie Goles (Summers)	110	20-1
7	Sunspark (no boy)	110	6-1
8	†Stall (no boy)	107	5-2
9	Hedgethorn (McPhee)	102	10-1
10	Offenbach (G. L. Smith)	116	12-1
11	Stage Star (no boy)	106	20-1
12	Ring Master (no boy)	110	6-1
13	†The Wing (no boy)	110	5-2

†C. W. Ford and D. Emery entry.

EIGHTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles; purse, $2000; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

1	Masjamas (Stadler)	115	4-1
2	Cyrus P. (no boy)	116	15-1
3	Lord Charice (no boy)	116	12-1
4	Eye For Eye (Layton)	116	10-1
5	Lord Hairan (Buxton)	116	20-1
6	†Ticco (no boy)	116	3-1
7	†Dish (no boy)	110	2-1
8	Easy Jack (Barber)	116	20-1
9	Dina Flag (McPhee)	113	10-1
10	G. I. Lady (Delara)	113	4-1
11	Entertainment (Gonzalez)	117	5-1
12	Buck's Girl (no boy)	108	20-1
13	Prancing Ted (Layton)	112	15-1
14	Big Raid (no boy)	116	8-1
15	Genial Sam S. (Stout)	118	12-1
16	Benjack (no boy)	116	20-1
17	Wesley A. (Gray)	116	4-1
18	Free Speech (McPhee)	116	8-1

†K. A. O'Connor and J. N. MacLary entry.

TROPICAL (Fast)

1—Steel Reigh, Liberty Fan, Albatross.
2—Mel Cavano, Mirlyne, Azure Wings.
3—Spring Thaw, Tree Land, Verona Sands.
4—Happy Pilot, Pelops, Febridge.
5—JUSTA NOTE, Copenhagen, Hay-Jay.
6—Statesman, Eire, Crack Reward.
7—Ford-Emery entry, Mal, Offenbach.
8—Dish, Big Raid, Lord Caprick.

—Louisville Times (AP).

FAIR GROUNDS (Fast)

1—Hightheron, Big, Dupala.
2—Wicker, Tunco, Knights Quest II.
3—One More, Eddy Prince, Pinemeadow.
4—Philemon, Aerial Cruiser, Silvermish.
5—Bengal Boy, Jeerahil, Know How.
6—Thrall entry, Schlotterbeck, Mad Carolina.
7—NOSTALGIA, Lissable, Prince Halifax.
8—Sweep Vellum, Karl's Best, Ty Special.

—Louisville Times (AP).

Tropical Park Race Chart

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1946.
WEATHER CLOUDY, TRACK FAST.

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs. Purse, $1800. For 3-year-olds and up; claiming prices $3500 to $3000. Start good. Won driving; place same. Went to post at 1:24. Off at 1:30. Winner, Woolford Farm's b. f. (4) by Lawrin-Glister by Sir Martin. Trained by R. Anspach. Value, $1200, $275, $150, $75. Time, 1:13⅘.

Horse	Jockeys	Wgt.	Post	St.	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Straight
UNSHAKABLE	(Watson)	111	6	2	1 1/4	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	$7.75
SUNAWANA	(Sculler)	106	12	3	3 1/2	4 1/2	4	2 1/2	2 1/2	7.70
DOLOMITE	(McPhee)	114	11	1	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3.25
WAR SPY	(Stout)	122	8	5	4 1/2	3 1/2	3	4	4	6.50
LUCKY ANN	(Hughes)	111	8	4	7	5	5	5	5	67.25
SUNNY BABY	(Kline)	103	9	12	12	12	11	11	6	75.90
RIVER LIGHT	(Mosley)	113	3	11	8	7	7	7 1/2	7 1/2	24.05
AMATOLI	(Pappas)	106	7	8	9	8	8	8 1/2	8	61.70
LADY GEORGANNA	(Martin)	109	1	6	5	6	9	9	9	16.00
LOST CONTROL	(Bauer)	113	4	7	10	10	10	10	10	2.10
LYNED'S LAD	(Bakhah)	118	2	10	9 1/2	9	11	11	11	11.25
MOGETE	(Hanes)	108	10	9	11	11	12	12	12	37.40

UNSHAKABLE, $17.50, $8.90, $5.00; SUNAWANA, $7.60, $4.60; DOLOMITE, $3.20.

UNSHAKABLE, away very fast, assumed lead early, saved ground and held on gamely. SUNAWANA closed gamely on extreme outside. DOLOMITE followed pace to stretch and then quit badly. WAR SPY showed a good effort. LOST CONTROL was a factor.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs. Purse, $1800. For 3-year-olds and up; claiming prices $3500 to $3000. Start good. Won driving; place same. Went to post at 2:04. Off at 2:06½. Winner, Y. Graf' br. f. (4) by Flint Shot—Be Silent by Seraph. Trained by J. G. Wagner. Value, $1200, $275, $150, $75. Time, 1:12⅘.

Horse	Jockeys	Wgt.	Post	St.	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Straight
QUIET SHOT	(Eyc)	113	11	6	6	2 1/2	2	1 1/2	1 1/2	$7.00
GRAND TOY	(Rogers)	115	7	8	8	5 1/2	3 1/2	2	2	35.85
FIRE POWER	(Scurlock)	114	1	2	1	1	2	3 1/2	3 1/2	1.30
AMBER GLOW	(McPhee)	104	4	4	2	3	1	1 1/2	4	11.05
LADY TREAD	(Bakhah)	104	12	11	11	7	5	4	5 1/2	38.75
ROSEMERE SIR	(Mason)	103	12	1	3	3 1/2	4 1/2	5	6	5.55
MAIDEZ	(Arroyo)	109	5	3	4	4 1/2	5 1/2	6	7	20.00
WAR WINE	(Roberts)	111	3	10	10	9	9	7 1/2	8	49.25
SOLAR	(Demar)	106	8	7	7	10	10	9	9 1/2	48.45
BALAAM	(Barber)	109	9	5	5	6	6	10	10	8.90
NEW FLAME	(Yager)	115	6	9	11	11	11	11	11	5.50
HARD TREK	(McGowan)	114	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	77.35

QUIET SHOT, $17.80, $10.70, $5.10; GRAND TOY, $34.70, $17.00; FIRE POWER, $3.90.

QUIET SHOT moved up gradually, got through on the inside and closed with a rush to win going away. GRAND TOY was a stout factor from the start and made a game effort. FIRE POWER displayed good speed. AMBER GLOW showed speed for a half mile then quit.

Daily Double—UNSHAKABLE and QUIET SHOT—Paid $272.70

THIRD RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles. Purse, $2000. For maiden 3-year-olds and up. Start good. Won galloping; place driving. Went to post at 2:34. Off at 2:34½. Winner, Mrs. R. B. Berini's dk. b. m. (5) by Hollycrest—Heritage by Pharamond II. Trained by R. B. Berini. Value, $1400, $300, $200, $100. Time, 1:48⅘.

Horse	Jockeys	Wgt.	Post	St.	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Straight
ESTATE	(Arroyo)	112	7	6	5 1/2	3 1/2	1	1	$3.65
SIMETRICA	(Padgett)	117	1	3	2	1	2	2 1/2	10.35
JACROSS	(Thackrey)	117	2	1	1	2	3 1/2	3	3.05
DUAL PURPOSE	(May)	117	11	4	4 1/2	4	4	4 1/2	22.30
BILLIES CHOICE	(Deyoung)	112	12	11	9 1/2	6	5	5	121.60
INQUISTUS	(Belanger)	112	5	9	7	7	7	7	130.15
LARKLEY	(Layton)	114	3	7	11	11	11	10	34.00
BRUNON	(Reynolds)	117	10	10	10	12	10	10	25.00
DAURER'S GIRL	(Flynn)	117	8	12	12	10	9	9	.85
FANAR GRIER	(Howell)	117	9	5	3	5	6	8	63.95
BLOOD BROTHER	(Mills)	117	6	8	6	9	12	12	
MR. FLIP	(Demar)	113	1	13	8 1/2	8	8		

†Mrs. S. G. Stockler-J. Graf entry. ‡Lost rider. §Broke down.

ESTATE, $13.70, $6.60, $4.40; SIMETRICA, $9.70, $6.50; JACROSS, $3.40.

ESTATE was rushed into a long lead around the turn and won going galloping. SIMETRICA finished very fast. JACROSS closed with a rush. DUAL PURPOSE ran good race. BLOOD BROTHER broke down. MR. FLIP lost rider.

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs. Purse, $1800. For 2-year-olds; claiming price $4000. Start good. Won easily; place same. Went to post at 3:06. Off at 3:07. Winner, W. Mc-Intosh's b. f. (2) by Fort au Prince—Eastward by On Watch. Trained by J. Leyland. Value, $1300, $375, $150, $75. Time, 1:13⅘.

Horse	Jockeys	Wgt.	Post	St.	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Straight
PORTWARD	(Gauthier)	104	9	3	1 1/2	1	1 1/2	1	$3.45
FLOWING OIL	(Delara)	112	1	2	3 1/2	2 1/2	2	2	4.05
VELOCITY MISS	(Anyon)	109	4	8	6 1/2	6	4 1/2	3 1/2	†15.20
DONNA SUE	(Padgett)	114	7	7	8	7 1/2	6	4 1/2	6.05
ROQUHAN	(Rogers)	114	5	5	5	5	5 1/2	5	3.75
HAPPY MARTY	(Mosley)	112	11	4	7	8	8 1/2	6 1/2	16.90
WHEEL PLAYER	(Buxton)	117	10	12	9 1/2	9	7	7	13.95
SIMOND	(Scurlock)	112	3	9	10 1/2	10	9 1/2	8	35.55
CHIPSY	(Pratt)	113	3	10	12	12	12	9	37.65
FILLE D'LAIT	(Ballard)	113	8	1	2	3 1/2	3	10 1/2	2.95
QUEEN O HEARTS	(Pannell)	105	12	11	11	11 1/2	11	11	75.80
BUDDY V.	(Bauer)	112	6	6	4 1/2	9 1/2	10	12	18.30

†Massinane and Leonard entry.

PORTWARD, $6.90, $5.20, $4.00; FLOWING OIL, $18.40, $11.60; VELOCITY MISS, $6.20.

PORTWARD opened a long lead early and just galloped in front all the way. FLOWING OIL was well up all the way. VELOCITY MISS came from far back. DONNA SUE ran a good race. FILLE D'LAIT quit badly.

FIFTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles. Purse, $2000. For 3-year-olds; claiming price $7500. Start good. Won driving; place same. Went to post at 3:36. Off at 3:37. Winner, W. G. Williams' b. g. (3) by Supplehand—Alma by St. Brideaux. Trained by W. G. Williams. Value, $1400, $300, $200, $100. Time, 1:46⅘.

Horse	Jockeys	Wgt.	Post	St.	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Straight
BOWERY HALL	(Errico)	107	9	6	6	7 1/2	2hd	2 1/2	$6.60
ROSES ARE RED	(Rogers)	117	8	7	7	5	1hd	1 1/2	4.15
BULLSHEAD	(Buxton)	112	2	1	2	4 1/2	3 1/2	3	17.15
GRAVITON	(Conley)	112	3	2	1hd	2	4	4	4.95
LUMP SUGAR	(Hanes)	104	12	12	12	12	11	5	36.15
PENETRATOR	(Jemas)	107	1	3	3hd	3	6	6	3.30
STUDIO PLAY	(Padgett)	112	11	11	11	10	10	7	7.95
SAMBA SIREN	(Smiley)	112	4	4	4	11	9	8	51.65
ZO-ZO	(Mann)	115	5	10	9	8	7	9	12.10
SILVER SWEEP	(Scurlock)	115	10	9	10	9	8	10	6.90
BEAU FIDDLER	(Chestnut)	115	6	8	8	6	12	11	8.90
SANCHILLA	(Hassman)	109	7	5	9	11	13	12	58.95

BOWERY HALL, $15.20, $7.50, $5.20; ROSES ARE RED, $5.40, $3.70; BULLSHEAD, $7.50.

BOWERY HALL, going in improved form, moved up fast on outside and won in last stride. ROSES ARE RED got to front around turn and made a game effort. BULLSHEAD was a stout factor from the start. GRAVITON made up ground gamely.

SIXTH RACE—The Anticipation. Six furlongs. Purse, $2800. For 3-year-olds. Start good. Won driving; place same. Went to post at 4:05. Off at 4:06½. Winner, Marilyn Stable's b. c. (3) by Sweeping Light—Harbor Day by Display. Trained by R. Yowell. Value, $1680, $900, $300, $130. Time, 1:11⅘.

Horse	Jockeys	Wgt.	Post	St.	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Straight
LABOULAYE	(Rogers)	116	2	4	2	2	2	1hd	$6.80
SEA WOLF	(Stout)	111	4	7	3	1hd	1hd	2	9.80
ARIEL SONG	(Padgett)	114	3	3	1hd	3	3	3 1/2	4.00
DANNY J.	(Lee)	114	1	1	4	4	4	4	11.40
FLAG DRILL	(Shaw)	114	7	6	6	5	5	5	7.55
CROMAGNON	(N.Jemas)	108	5	5	5	6	6	6	6.95
GREGALACH	(Reynolds)	114	6	2	1hd	6	7	7	8.25
JOHN'S LIBERTY	(Richard)	112	8	8	7	7	8	8	51.15

LABOULAYE, $13.60, $6.70, $3.70; SEA WOLF, $9.90, $5.10; ARIEL SONG, $3.80.

LABOULAYE, never far from the pace, moved up with a rush in the stretch, was driven in between horses and won in last stride. SEA WOLF made up ground fast and was wearing the winner down. ARIEL SONG was hustled along from the start and performed well. DANNY J. had good speed for half a mile. FLAG DRILL ran good race for first outing. CROMAGNON ran a disgraceful race, being outrun from the start.

SEVENTH RACE—One and one-eighth miles. Purse, $1800. For 3-year-olds and up; claiming prices, $4000 to $3500. Start good. Won easily; place driving. Went to post at 4:35. Off at 4:36½. Winner, W. J. Meyers b. c. (4) by Stagehand—Merry Singer by Singspore. Trained by G. Lansford. Values: $1200, $275, $150, $75. Time, 1:52⅘.

Horse	Jockeys	Wgt.	Post	St.	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	Straight
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Bank Loans Up 3.1 Billion During Year

Business loans rose to still another record high in the pre-Christmas period, increasing 64 million dollars during the week ended December 18, the Federal Reserve Board said today.

Reports from Federal Reserev member banks in 101 leading cities put the total of commercial, industrial and agricultural loans at $10,351,000,000 on December 18, an increase of $3,110,000,000 over a year ago.

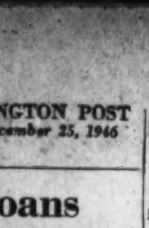
Real estate loans increased 10 million dollars during the week to a total of $1,541,000,000, up 450 million dollars a year earlier.

Total loans of all types rose 191 million dollars to an aggregate of $16,894,000,000, an increase of 942 million dollars in the last 12 months.

Business Briefs Of D. C. Interest

AOA Elevates Robertson

Capt. Cameron T. Robertson, who earlier this month set a nonstop New York to London commercial transport flying record of 10 hours and 12 minutes, has been appointed superintendent of flying for American Overseas Airlines.



Capt. Robertson

He will succeed Capt. Charles A. Thompson, who has resigned to return to regular line flying.

Mr. Robertson was chief test pilot on the original Martin Mars, built by the Glenn L. Martin Co., of Baltimore. A captain for AOA since the company started operations, Robertson during the war was in charge of the Army's Air Transport Command operations at Preque Isle, Me., for 18 months. He returned to the airline in July, 1945.

Holden Hails Housing Policies

Thomas S. Holden, president of F. W. Dodge Corp., fact-finding organization for the construction industry, said yesterday that new Federal housing and construction policies will be welcomed by the industry, "since it is clear that the doctrinable theories of the past are to be subordinated to realistic building procedures."

However, he noted that in the President's program, "instead of complete removal of the most important deterrent to rental housing, namely, unrealitsic rent ceilings, a compromise formula is offered." He added:

"The formula is a striking analogy to the maximum average price plan which was imposed on the clothing industry by OPA and proved unworkable."

Earnings Statements

Zenith Radio Corp. reported an estimated consolidated net loss for the first six months of its fiscal year of $649,649, compared with a net profit for the comparable 1945 period of $90,049.

Schenley Distillers Corp. announced for the quarter ended November 30 consolidated net profit of $19,385,665, equal to $5.38 a common share. This compared with $13,415,695, or $3.72 a common share, for that period a year ago.

Cuban-American Sugar Co. and subsidiaries reported for the fiscal year ended September 30 net profit of $2,222,044, equal to $2.11 a common share, compared with $2,578,468, or $2.45 a common share, in the preceding year.

Chicago Grain

Chicago, Dec. 24 (AP).—Grain futures advanced in dull to short, pre-holiday session, influenced by a report that world food supplies will remain critical until the 1947 harvest.

Following a dull but steady start, traders first heard that Belgium is in the market for relatively heavy supplies of flour and corn. Then came the statement by Sir John Boyd Orr, director general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, predicting critical food shortages before the coming year's harvest.

What led the upturn in prices. Some local traders were moderately active on the buying side, as were commission houses with Eastern and Southwestern connections.

At the close wheat was ⅛ to 1⅛ cents higher than the previous finish, January 2.11⅛. Corn was ⅜ to ¾ higher, January 1.31⅛@1.31¾. Oats were ⅜ to 1 cent higher, March 75⅛@76, and barley was ⅛ lower, March 1.29⅛.

Oats followed the advance of other grains. The Board of Trade announced that trading in the September delivery of oats will begin December 26.

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	2.10	2.11⅛	2.10	2.11¼
March	2.01⅜	2.03⅛	2.01⅜	2.03⅜
May	1.92⅞	1.94	1.92⅞	1.93⅞
July	1.76¼	1.77⅝	1.76¼	1.77⅛
Corn—				
January	1.31	1.32	1.30¾	1.31⅜
March	1.29	1.30	1.28⅞	1.29⅝
May	1.28⅛	1.29⅝	1.28⅜	1.29⅛
July	1.27	1.28⅛	1.27	1.27⅝
Oats—				
March	75	76	74¾	76
May	69⅛	70⅛	69	70
July	64⅜	75⅛	64¼	64⅞
Barley—				
March	1.29¼	1.29¼	1.28⅛	1.29¼
Lard—				
July	21.25	21.40	21.25	21.35
September	20.75	21.12	20.75	21.12

Cash Grain

WHEAT—No sales.

CORN—No. 3 yellow, 1.34; No. 4 yellow, 1.30¾@1.31¾; sample grade yellow, 1.17½.

OATS—No sales.

RYE—No. 2 grades, 2.75@2.85.

BARLEY—Malting, 1.45@1.75 (nominal); feed, 1.20@1.32 (nominal).

FIELD SEED (per 100 lbs.)—Nominal: Red clover, 38.00@42.00; sweet clover, 11.50@13.00; timothy, 7.25@7.60.

Dividend Actions

New York, Dec. 24 (AP).—Dividends declared:

Year End	Rate.	riod.	record.	able.
Smyth Mfg	$3.00		12-21	12-28
Society Brand Clo	15c		12-29	1-10
Warner Co	30c		1-2	1-15
W B Coon Co	$1.00		12-23	12-27
Gen Tire & Rub	$1.00		1-6	1-16
J Kayser & Co	25c		2-1	2-15
Todd Co	20c		12-24	1-2
Initial				
Ludwig Bauman & Co 1st pf	$2.25	S	12-21	12-31
Schulte D A Inc	10c		1-6	1-25
Regular				
Cin Gas & El	35c		1-15	2-15
W B Coon Co	25c	Q	12-31	2-1
Schenley Dist Corp	50c		1-20	1-31
Society Brand Clo	15c		12-20	1-10
Todd Co	5c		12-24	1-2
Affiliated Fund	4c	Q	1-10	1-20
Gen Mills	37½c		1-10	2-1
Hercules Powd pf	$1.25	Q	2-4	2-15
Le Roi Co	7c		1-18	1-25
Madison Sq Garden	20c		2-14	2-28
McCall Corp	75c	Q	1-15	2-1

Naval Stores

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24 (AP).—TURPENTINE—Receipts and shipments, none; stocks, 12.

ROSIN—Receipts and shipments, none; stocks, 588.

Savannah market closed today.

Quotations on N. Y. Stock Exchange

By the Associated Press

Total sales, 950,000 shares; previous day, 1,170,000; week ago, 1,017,540; year ago, closed; two years ago 996,709; January 1 to date, 357,484,330; year ago, 372,163,308; two years ago, 257,348,647.

Dow-Jones Stocks

New York, Dec. 24.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Ch'ge.
30 Inds.	176.93	177.51	176.25	176.95	—0.41
20 rails.	51.74	51.99	51.44	51.89	—0.15
15 Utils.	37.18	37.34	37.04	37.22	—0.11
65 stocks	84.80	85.03	84.53	84.81	—0.16

Transactions in stocks used in averages: Today—Industrials, 82,500; rails, 48,600; utilities, 39,800; 65 stocks, 170,900.

	Sales Add 00	High	Low	Close	Net Ch'ge
Abbot Lab	11	88	88	88	+ ⅛
ACF-Brill Mot	8	9¾	9¾	9¾	— ⅛
Acme St	3	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	+ ⅛
Adams Exp	13	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	— ¼
Addressog-Mult	9	32½	32	32	+ ⅛
Admiral Corp	3	9¼	9¼	9¼	+ ¼
Air Reduction	84	36⅛	35¼	35½	+ ¼
Alaska Juneau	17	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝	— ⅛
Aldens Inc	6	31	30½	30½	— ⅛
Alleghany Corp	21	4	4	4	— ⅛
Alleghany pf	6	37⅜	37½	37⅜	— ⅛
Alleghany pr pf	1	59¾	59¾	59¾	—1¼
Allegh Ludl St	8	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	+ ⅛
Allen Industries	20	20	20	20	— ⅛
Al Chem & D	2	175½	175	175	— ½
Allied Kid	1	19	18⅝	18⅝	— ⅛
Allied Strs	15	35⅜	35½	35⅜	— ⅛
Allis-Ch Mfg	26	37½	37½	37½	— ⅛
Allis-Ch M pf	2	94¾	94¾	94¾	— ¼
Amal Leather	8	7⅛	6⅞	6⅞	— ⅛
Amerada Pet	1	77⅛	77	77	— ⅛
Am Airlines	98	10	9¾	9¾	— ⅛
Am Airl pf	6	72⅜	71	72	— ½
Am Bank Note	9	31¼	30½	30½	— ¼
Am Bosch	3	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	— ⅛
Am Brake Shoe	17	49	48⅛	47⅞	—1⅛
Am Cable & Rad	17	6⅞	6⅝	6⅞	— ⅛
Am Can	8	90⅝	89⅞	90¼	+ ⅛
Am Car & Fdy	3	32⅜	32⅛	32⅜	+ ⅛
Am Ch & Cable	4	24¼	24¼	24¼	— ⅛
Am Colortype	1	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜	+ ⅛
Am Crystal Sug	2	23⅜	23	23⅜	+ ⅛
Am Distill	2	42⅜	42⅜	42⅜	— ⅛
Am Encaus Til	5	6	5⅞	6	— ⅛
Am European	1	16¼	16¼	16¼	— ⅛
Am Export L	5	19½	19	19	— ¼
Am Forgings Pow	1	6⅜	6⅜	6⅜	— ⅛
Am & F P$6pf	2	100	100	100	— ¼
Am & FP$7pf	8	23¼	22¾	23¼	— ⅛
Am-Hawaii SS	2	41	41	41	— ⅛
Am Hide & Lea	2	7⅞	7	7⅛	+ ⅛
Am Home Prod	13	32⅛	32	32⅛	+ ⅛
Am Ice	3	8¾	8¾	8¾	— ⅛
Am Locomotive	56	26¼	25⅝	26	— ⅛
Am M & Fdy	11	27⅞	27⅜	27⅜	— ⅛
Am M & Met	1	15½	15½	15½	— ⅛
Am Metal	5	30	30	30¼	— ⅛
Am News Co	2	40	39¾	40	— ⅛
Am P & Lt	20	13⅜	13⅛	13⅛	— ⅛
A & L $6 pf	2	121½	121½	121½	— ⅛
A P&L $7 pf	3	113⅞	113⅞	113⅞	— ⅛
Am R & St S	37	16	15⅝	15⅝	+ ⅛
Am Rad Mill	19	36¾	36⅜	36½	— ⅛
Am Safety Raz	3	15	14⅞	15	— ⅛
Am Seating	22	30¼	30	30¼	+ ⅛
Am Ship Bldg	4	36⅛	35⅝	36⅛	— ⅛
Am Smelt & R	6	58½	58	58½	— ⅛
Am Snuff	4	35¾	35½	35½	+ ⅛
Am Std Fndrs	8	34¼	34	34¼	— ⅛
Am Stores	4	28¼	27⅞	28	— ⅛
Am Stove	5	28⅜	27⅞	28⅛	+ ⅛
Am Sugar Ref	1	47	47	47	— ⅛
Am T & T	17	167⅛	167⅛	167¼	+ ⅛
Am Tobacco	5	79⅝	79⅛	79⅜	— ⅛
Am Tob B	18	83	81½	83	+ 1⅜
Am Viscose	2	60½	60	60¼	+ ⅛
Am Wat Wks	33	17⅞	17	17⅛	— ⅛
Am Woolen	31	103¾	103½	103½	— ⅛
Am Woolen pf	254	38⅛	36¾	38⅛	+ 1⅜
Am Woolen	32	49⅛	48	49⅜	— ⅛
Am Wool pf	5	103⅛	102½	102½	— ⅛
Am Wool 6 pf	2	90½	90	90½	— ⅛
Am Zinc L&S	11	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝	— ⅛
Anaconda Cop	19	40⅝	40¼	40⅝	— ⅛
Anchor H Gl	3	48¼	48¼	48¼	+ ¼
Anderson Clay	1	49¾	49¾	49¾	— ⅛
Ander-Prich Oil	5	17⅞	18	17⅞	— ⅛
Andes Copper	2	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	+ ⅛
A P W Prod	1	5	5	5	— ⅛
Archb-Dan-M	2	38	38	38	— ⅛
Armour & Co	32	14¾	14¼	14⅜	— ⅛
Armour pr pf	2	128⅝	128⅛	128⅛	— ⅛
Armstrong Ck	1	49¾	49¾	49¾	+ ⅛
Armst Cork pf	1	104	104	104	— ⅛
Arloom Corp	1	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	— ⅛
Assd Dry Gds	13	19⅝	19⅛	19⅛	— ⅛
A T P Inc	7	15⅜	14⅝	15	— ⅛
A T & S F	10	98½	97⅝	98	—1
A T & S F pf	4	104	104	104	— ⅛
Atl Coast Line	4	52½	52	52	— ⅛
Atl G & W Ind	4	28½	28¼	28⅜	— ⅛
A G & W In pf	1	68	68	68	— ⅛
Atlas Corp	6	35¾	35¼	35¾	— ⅛
Atlas Powder	4	24	24	24	— ⅛
Aust Nicholas	1	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	— ⅛
Aust Nich pf	1	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	+ ⅛
Autom Canteen	27	26⅛	26	26⅛	— ⅛
Autocar Co	3	25⅞	25⅞	25⅞	— ⅛
Aviation Corp	63	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝	— ⅛
Aviation Cp pf	13	44	43¾	43¾	— ⅛
Baldwin Loco	27	21⅛	20⅝	21⅛	+ ⅛
Balt & Ohio	36	23⅛	22⅝	23⅛	+ ⅛
Balt & Ohio pf	5	23½	23	23½	+ ⅛
Bangor & Ar	2	14¾	14¾	14¾	— ⅛
Barber Asph	1	24¾	24¾	24¾	— ⅛
Barnsdall Oil	8	24⅞	24⅝	24⅞	— ⅛
Bath Ir Wks	6	19½	19½	19½	— ⅛
Bayuk Cigars	1	23¾	23¾	23¾	— ⅛
Beech Aire	2	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	— ⅛
Belding-Hem	1	16½	16½	16½	— ⅛
Bell Aire	2	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	— ⅛
Bell & Howell	2	24½	24⅜	24⅜	+ ⅛
Bendix Aviat	28	38⅛	38	38	— ⅛
Benef Ind Loan	7	28	28	28	— ⅛
Best & Co	7	32½	32	32½	— ⅛
Best Foods	15	26¼	26⅛	26⅛	+ ⅛
Beth Steel	13	92	92	92	+ ⅛
Bigelow-Sanf	1	58	58	58	— ⅛
Blaw-Knox	3	17⅞	17½	17½	— ⅛
Bliss (E W)	4	24¼	23⅞	24⅛	+ ⅛
Bliss (E W) pf	2	45¼	45¼	45¼	— ⅛
Boeing Airplane	14	21⅜	20⅝	21	— ⅛
Bohn Al&Brass	6	58	57½	58	+ ⅛
Bond Strs	6	32½	31⅞	32⅛	— ⅛
Borden Co	9	48⅛	47⅞	48⅛	+ ⅛
Borg-Warner	17	44⅜	43¾	44	+ ⅛
Braniff Airw	9	13	12¾	13	— ⅛
Bridgept Brass	5	15⅛	15	15	— ⅛
Briggs Mfg	10	27½	27¼	27½	— ⅛
Briggs & Strat	2	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	— ⅛
Bristol-Myers	3	58	57⅝	58	— ⅛
Brkln Un Gas	3	26¾	26¾	26¾	— ⅛
Brown Shoe	1	34½	34½	34½	— ⅛
Brunswick-Bal	1	25¾	25¾	25¾	— ⅛
Bucyrus-Erie	5	17¾	17½	17¾	+ ⅛
Budd Co	38	12¾	12¼	12¼	— ⅛
Buffalo Forge	1	30	29	29	— ⅛
Bullard Co	3	23	22¾	23	+ ⅛
Bulova Watch	1	38	38	38	— ⅛
Burlington Mills	21	18¾	18½	18¾	— ⅛
Burl Mills cv pf	3	85	84½	85	— ⅛
Burr Add Mach	30	14¾	14	14½	— ⅛
Bush Terminal	9	7⅛	7	7	— ⅛
Butler Bros	1	25	25	25	+ ⅛
Butte Cop& Zinc	11	5½	5⅜	5⅜	— ⅛
Byers A M	2	18	17⅞	17⅞	+ ⅛
Byron Jackson	1	24½	24½	24½	— ⅛
Calif Packing	8	30	29⅞	29⅞	— ⅛
Callahan Z-Lead	12	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛	— ⅛
Calumet & Hec	8	7	7	7	— ⅛
Campbell Wyant	8	26	25½	26	+ ⅛
Can Dry G Ale	16	14¼	14	14¼	— ⅛
Canad Pacific	106	12⅝	12⅜	12⅝	— ⅛
Capital Adm A	2	14¾	14¼	14¼	— ⅛
Caro P & L	7	39	38¾	39	+ ⅛
Carpenter Stl	2	47	47	47	— ⅛
Carrier Corp	18	17⅛	16¾	17⅛	+ ⅛
Carrier Corp pf	9	37⅜	37	37⅜	— ⅛
Carriers Corp	18	17¼	16¾	17¼	+ ⅛
Carriers & Gen	2	36¼	36	36¼	— ⅛
Case J I Co	3	36⅛	36⅛	36⅛	— ⅛
Caterpil Tractor	9	62⅜	61⅝	62⅜	— ⅛
Celanese Corp	36	21¼	20⅝	20⅝	— ⅛
Celotex Corp	7	28⅜	28	28	— ⅛
Cent Aguirre	9	23	21	21	— ⅛
Cent Foundry	26	13½	12¾	13⅛	+ ⅛
Gen Hud G&E	3	9⅞	9¾	9¾	— ⅛
Cent R R N J	1	91	91	91	— ⅛
Cent Violeta Sug	4	32	31½	32	— ⅛
Century Ribbon	4	11⅞	11⅝	11⅞	+ ⅛
Cerro de Pas	18	33¾	33½	33½	— ⅛
Cert-teed Prod	15	20	19⅞	20	— ⅛
Chain Belt	2	27¼	27¼	27¼	— ⅛
Champ Pap&F	25	25⅛	25¼	25¼	— ⅛
Checker Cab	1	15	15	15	— ⅛
Ches & Ohio	19	53¾	53¾	53¾	+ ⅛
Chicago Corp	59	9¾	9	9¾	— ⅛
Cent R R N J	1	91	91	91	— ⅛
Cent Violeta Sug	4	32	31½	32	— ⅛
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Chi & Ill A	13	11½	11½	11½	— ⅛
Chi Grt West	11	14⅜	14⅛	14⅜	— ⅛
Chi Ind & Lou	8	14¼	14¼	14¼	— ⅛
Chi Ind &Act	1	9¼	9¼	9¼	— ⅛
Chi Ind&LB ct	4	6¼	5¾	5¾	— ⅛
Ch M SP & Pac	65	13⅞	13⅞	13⅞	— ⅛
Ch M SP & Ppf	41	18¾	17⅞	18⅛	— ⅛
Chi & N W	19	20¼	19⅞	19⅞	— ⅛
Chi & NW pf	14	46	45¼	46	— ⅛
Chi Pneu Tool	12	24½	24	24½	+ 1
Chi Pneu Tr pf	1	54¼	54¼	54¼	— ⅛
Chickasha C O	2	17	16¼	16¼	—1
Childs Co	23	7⅛	6⅞	7	— ⅛
Chrysler Corp	35	91⅞	91	91⅜	— ⅛
Cin G & Elec	7	30¾	30½	30½	— ⅛
Cin Mill Mch	6	26¾	26¼	26¾	+ ⅛
C I T Finan	20	45¼	44¾	45¼	— ⅛
City Ice & Fuel	4	31½	31½	31½	— ⅛
City Stores	11	17	16¾	17	— ⅛
Clark Equip	1	49½	49½	49½	—1⅛
Climax Molyb	24	20¾	20½	20¾	— ⅛
Cluett Peabody	2	42½	42½	42½	— ⅛
Coca-Cola	2	141¾	141¾	141¾	— ⅛
Colgate-Palm-P	4	56	56	56	— ⅛
Collins & Aik	2	44¼	43¾	44¼	— ⅛
Col Fuel & Ir	42	14¾	14½	14¾	— ⅛
Col F & Ir pf	12	86½	85½	86½	— ⅛
Colum Br A	6	32½	30½	30½	—1⅛
Colum Br B	6	32½	30½	31½	—1⅛
Colum G & El	65	11¾	11¾	11¾	— ⅛
Colum Pict	3	22½	22	22	— ⅛
Colum Pict pf	1	80	80	80	+ 1½
Colum Carbon	1	36¼	36¼	36¼	— ⅛
Col & Sou O	8	48½	47⅝	47⅝	— ⅛
Comml Cl'anr	11	35	35	35	+ ⅛
Comml Cred pf	1	109	108	108	—1½
Comml Solvents	24	22⅝	22	22⅜	— ⅛
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Comwlth & So	1	93	93	93	— ⅛
Com & So pf	3	123⅛	123⅜	123⅜	— ⅛
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Cons-Nairn	10	28½	28	28	— ⅛
Consol Cigar	1	35	35	35	+ ⅛
Cons Copper	5	6½	6⅛	6⅛	— ⅛
Cons Edison pf	1	106¾	106¾	106¾	— ⅛
Con Grocers	1	20	20	20	— ⅛
Cons Laundries	3	14¾	14¾	14¾	— ⅛
Cons Nat Gas	2	53½	53½	53½	+ ⅛
Consol RR C pf	3	28⅛	28	28⅛	+ ⅛
Con Rat Strs	2	19⅜	19⅜	19⅜	+ ⅛
Cons Vultee	12	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝	+ ⅛
Container Corp	1	47	47	47	— ⅛
Cont Bak	2	18¾	18¾	18¾	— ⅛
Cont Can	29	38⅝	38	38⅛	+ ⅛
Cont Diam Fib	11	9¼	9¼	9¼	— ⅛
Cont Ins	1	50	50	50	— ⅛
Cont Motors	15	11	10⅞	10⅞	— ⅛
Cont Oil Del	7	42	41	41	— ⅛
Cont Steel	6	17⅛	17	17	— ⅛
Cooper-Bess	5	17⅜	17¼	17¼	— ⅛
Corn Exchange	5	54	53¾	53¾	— ⅛
Corn Products	5	74	73¾	74	+ ⅛
Cornell-Dubil	20	16⅝	16⅜	16⅝	— ⅛
Corning Glass	45	28	27	28	+ 1
Coty Inc	10	7⅜	7⅛	7⅜	— ⅛
Coty Internat	1	4¾	4¾	4¾	— ⅛
Crane Co	6	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞	— ⅛
Crane Co pf	2	104	104	104	+ ⅛
Cream of Wh	1	30	30	30	— ⅛
Crown Cork&S	7	40⅜	40	40⅜	+ ⅛
Crown Zeller	4	31¾	31⅜	31½	— ⅛
Crucible Steel	9	30⅞	30½	30⅝	— ⅛
Cuban-Am Sug	10	21¾	21¼	21½	— ⅛
Cudahy Pack	6	43¼	42¾	42¾	— ⅛
Cuneo Press	2	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	— ⅛
Curtis Publishing	27	11¼	11	11¼	— ⅛
Curtis Pub pr pf	5	69	67½	67½	— ⅛
Curtiss-Wright	16	6	5⅝	6	— ⅛
Curtiss-Wr A	23	19½	19	19⅛	— ⅛
Cutler-Hammer	5	28⅝	28¼	28⅜	— ⅛
Dana Corp	2	27	27	27	+ ⅛
Dana Corp pf	1	93	92	92	—1⅛
Davega Stores	4	18¾	18¾	18¾	— ⅛
Davison Chem	2	18	18	18	— ⅛
Dayton P & L	8	34⅞	34½	34⅝	+ ⅛
Dayton Stub	7	21	20¾	20⅞	+ ⅛
Decca Records	18	19½	19	19⅜	— ⅛
Deere & Co	19	37⅝	36½	37⅜	+ ⅛
Deere & Co pf	3	34½	34½	34½	— ⅛
Del & Hudson	3	38⅝	38	38⅝	— ⅛
Del Lack&West	44	25	24⅞	25	— ⅛
Detroit Edison	22	23¾	23¼	23⅝	+ ⅛
Devoe & Ray A	6	30½	30½	30½	+ ⅛
Diamond Match	1	44	44	44	— ⅛
Diam Match pf	2	44	44	44	— ⅛
Diam T Motor	4	21	20¾	20¾	— ⅛
Dist Corp-Seag	84	18	17⅞	17⅞	— ⅛
Dixie Cup	3	31	30½	30½	— ⅛
Doehler-Jarvis	1	14½	14½	14½	— ⅛
Dome Mines	20	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛	— ⅛
Douglas Aircr	8	73½	72	73½	+ ⅛
Dow Chem pf	2	111½	111⅜	111⅜	— ⅛
Dresser Indust	17	21¾	21½	21⅝	— ⅛
Du Mont Corp	1	30¾	30¾	30¾	— ⅛
Du Pont de N	4	187	186	186½	— ⅜
Du Pont pf	4	126	125¾	125¾	— ¼
E W G Cigar	1	17	17	17	— ⅛
Eaton-Pitch	2	22¾	22¾	22¾	— ⅛
Eastern Air L	30	22½	21½	22	— ⅛
East S Stl	5	38½	38½	38½	— ⅛
Eastman Kodak	1	227½	227½	227½	— ⅛
Eaton Mfg	2	32½	32½	32½	— ⅛
Edis Bros Strs	2	25¾	25½	25¾	+ ⅛
Ekco Prod	21	27¾	27	27⅜	— ⅛
Elastic Stop N	2	37⅛	37	37⅛	— ⅛
El Auto-Lite	20	38	37⅝	37⅝	— ⅛
Elec Boat	16	15¼	15⅛	15¼	+ ⅛
El Boat pf	1	38	38	38	+ 1
El & Mus Ind	18	3½	3⅜	3⅜	— ⅛
El Power & Lt	14	17⅞	17½	17⅝	— ⅛
El Pow&Lt $6pf	1	144¾	144¾	144¾	— ⅛
El Pow&Li $7 pf	3	156	155	155	—2
Emerson El M	8	13½	13	13⅛	+ ⅛
Emer Rad & Ph	20	14⅛	13⅞	14	+ ⅛
Empire Dis El	2	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	+ ⅛
Eng Pub Service	7	31½	30½	30⅝	— ⅛
Equit Off Bldg	10	2¾	2¾	2¾	— ⅛
Erie RR	20	12	11½	11⅝	— ⅛
Erie RR pf A	1	55	55	55	— ⅛
Eureka Wms	1	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜	— ⅛
Evans Products	1	21½	20¾	21⅛	+ ⅛
Eversharp	13	24½	24	24⅜	+ ⅛
Exchange Buffet	1	7

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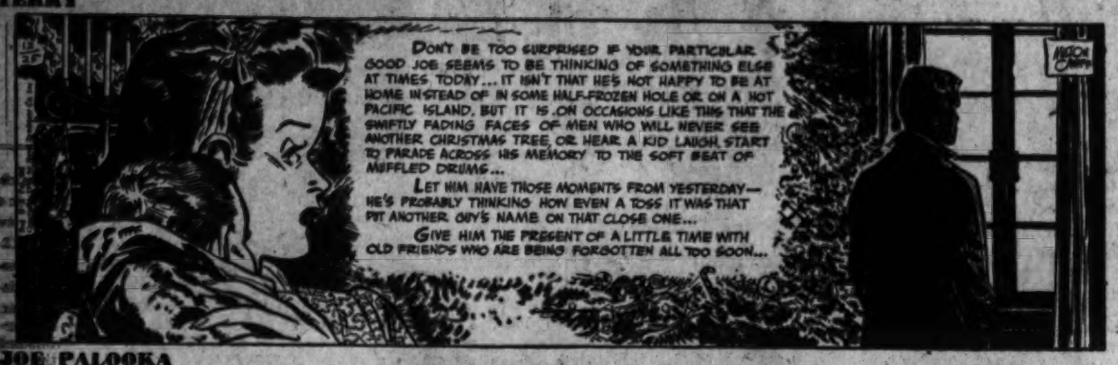
DON'T BE TOO SURPRISED IF YOUR PARTICULAR GOOD JOE SEEMS TO BE THINKING OF SOMETHING ELSE AT TIMES TODAY... IT ISN'T THAT HE'S NOT HAPPY TO BE AT HOME INSTEAD OF IN SOME HALF-FROZEN HOLE OR ON A HOT PACIFIC ISLAND, BUT IT IS ON OCCASIONS LIKE THIS THAT THE SWIFTLY FADING FACES OF MEN WHO WILL NEVER SEE ANOTHER CHRISTMAS TREE, OR HEAR A KID LAUGH, START TO PARADE ACROSS HIS MEMORY TO THE SOFT BEAT OF MUFFLED DRUMS...
LET HIM HAVE THOSE MOMENTS FROM YESTERDAY— HE'S PROBABLY THINKING HOW EVEN A TOSS IT WAS THAT PUT ANOTHER GUY'S NAME ON THAT CLOSE ONE...
GIVE HIM THE PRESENT OF A LITTLE TIME WITH OLD FRIENDS WHO ARE BEING FORGOTTEN ALL TOO SOON...
MILTON CANIFF

JOE PALOOKA

TO THE THOUSANDS OF READERS WHO HAVE WRITTEN EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR JOE AND ANN AND THOSE STATE AND CITY POLICE AND OTHER GROUPS WHO HAVE OFFERED TO HELP...
HEY YA, MUG, C'MON AN' HELP TRIM TH' TREE! D'YA KNOW WHAT DAY THIS IS?
MERRY CHRISTMAS
HERE'S MORE MAIL, MR. FISHER!
—IN THE SEARCH A MILLION THANKS TO THE NEWS-PAPERS, RADIO AND MAGAZINES FOR THEIR SWELL INTEREST... ANOTHER MILLION THANKS.
Cordially Ham Fisher

MARY WORTH

Once again we come to that magic interval when grudges are forgotten, frowns soften into smiles and for 24 glowing hours the tired old world is young!..
So today—as for almost 20 centuries—friend and foe, the joyful and the burdened, the best of us and the worst of us can join in shouting that most loved of all greetings
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
12-25-46

MYRTLE

MICKEY FINN

DIXIE DUGAN

CHIEF WAHOO and STEVE ROPER

WHAT'S THAT?.. YOU DON'T WEAR BLANKETS OR SMOKE CIGARS ANY MORE? THEN MAYBE YOU DON'T WANT THESE?
UGH! YOU LEAVE UM HERE, FLEECE-FACE! WAHOO USE UM ALL RIGHT!
MERRY CHRISTMAS
STEVE ROPER CHIEF WAHOO and THE SAUNDERS of the WOGGON

WINNIE WINKLE

SORRY, I HAVEN'T GOT A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU, HONEY!
I'VE GOT THE FINEST CHRISTMAS GIFT IN THE WORLD, DARLING-- .. YOU !!
FUNNY HOW THIS ALL WORKED OUT, EH, QUEEN?
YES, HUSH, THE LORD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS!
MERRY CHRISTMAS, MAW-- MIND IF I KISS YE?
IF YE DIDN'T, I'D BE SORE! MERRY CHRISTMAS, Y'SWEET OL' GALOOT!

MARK TRAIL

MARK!
NORTH
COME ON, KIDS... THERE'S A BIG FAT TURKEY WAITIN' FOR US BACK AT LOST FOREST!
I PROPOSE A TOAST TO OUR GREAT AMERICAN OUT-O'-DOORS AND THE FRIENDS WHO ARE HELPING TO PRESERVE IT!

ELMO

DONALD DUCK

OZARK IKE

WILDWEED RUN POP. 48
HM-M-M....NOBUDDY'S DAID, BUT DINAH'S CHANGIN' TH' POPPYLASHUN SIGN!
GUESS WHO...
AH AIN'T TH' SLIGHTEST BIT INTERESTED, MISTUH McBATT!
(GULP)--WULL, WHO'S LEAVIN' WILDWEED RUN?
(SOB) ME!

PENNY

DOTTY

DADDY-- MOTHER WANTS YOU TO GET UP!
ARF ARF!!
HORACE! GET UP--
OH, DOTTY-- I DON'T HAVE TO GO TO WORK TODAY! Z-Z-
BZ-B-Z-Z-Z
OH-- YEAH-- SURE!
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE !!
11-25

NAPOLEON AND UNCLE ELBY

NAPOLEON, WHILE THESE OTHER COMIC STRIPS ARE BUSY WISHING THEIR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS — — —
LET'S DUCK OUT AND START CHRISTMAS DINNER. NOBODY EVER READS A NEWSPAPER ON CHRISTMAS.

Today's Radio Programs

THE WASHINGTON POST
Wednesday, December 25, 1946

WEDNESDAY — WASHINGTON — E.S.T.

	WMAL 630	WRC 980	WOL 1260	WINX 1340	WWDC 1450	WTOP 1500
	News, 6, 7, 8:30 Today's Prelude, 6:05 Town Clock, 7:10, 8, 8:35, David Wills, 7:45	WRC Almanac, 5:30 News, 6, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, Timekeeper, 6:05-9, Weather F'cast, 6:30.	News, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, Art Brown, 6:05-9, Sports, 7:40, Easy Gwynn, 8:35.	News, 6, 7, 8, Jerry Strong, Wake Up With WINX 6:05-9.	News, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:15, Hunnicutt Show 6:30, News; Hu'nicutt 6:45, Devotions 7:00, News; Hu'nicutt	Arthur Godfrey from 7:10-9:10. Corn Squeezing Time, 5:30-6:45; News, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8,
9	:00 Breakfast Club :15 Don McNeil :30 Jack Owen :45 Sam Cowling	Song of the South Songs By Lanning News; Nancy Osgood	Musical Clock with Art Brown Easy Listening	News; Music in the Air Christmas Stories Charles Laughton	Mike Hunnicutt Alice Lane	Godfrey, Mahoney Arthur Godfrey Spirit of Christmas
10	:00 My True Story :15 ; Hymns :30 Of All Churches :45 Listening Post	King George Lora Lawton Road of Life Joyce Jordan	Spice of Life Marian Sexton	News; Music Hall	Open House Dickens' Christmas Carol	Evelyn Winters Time to Remember
11	:00 Breakfast in Hol'wd :15 :30 Ruth Crane :45	Fred Waring Jack Berch David Harum	News, Cecil Brown Musical Comedy Quiz Man Behind the Band Richard Maxwell	News; Federation of Churches Christmas Services	Pin-up Tunes	News King George Grand Slam Rosemary
12	:00 News, Evans :15 Ted Malone :30 Kenny Baker Show :45	News; D. Brinkley Look to This Day Art Van Damme Nancy Osgood	News, Ray Henle Morton Downey Cliff Edwards Easy Aces	NEWS ROUNDUP Midday Star Time Luncheon With Vaughn Monroe	Tello Test News; Music Christmas In Song	Kate Smith Aunt Jenny Romance, Helen Trent Our Gal Sunday
1	:00 Baukhage Talking :15 Victorious Living :30 Our Singing Land :45 Stringing Along	To Music Tin Pan Ballet Robert McCormick	So the Story Goes Finders Keepers Bing Crosby John J. Anthony	News; Swing Serenade Melodic Moments	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	Big Sister Ma Perkins Young Dr. Malone Road of Life
2	:00 Music Box :15 Jim Gibbons :30 Bride and Groom :45 John Nelson	Today's Children Woman in White Masquerade Light of the World	News, Cedric Foster Erskine Johnson Queen For a Day	News; Spotlight On Rhythm	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	Second Mrs. Burton Parry Mason Lone Journey Rose of My Dreams
3	:00 Ladies Be Seated :15 Accent on Music :30 :45 George Barnes Octet	Christmas Program	Easy Does It	News; Memorable Music Special Christmas Music	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	Aunt Mary Dr. Paul Stumpus Meet the Missus
4	:00 I Won't Be Home :15 For Christmas :30 News, Evans :45 Accent on Music	Thomas L. Thomas With Joan Dickenson Chorus and Orch.	Buck Rogers	News;	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	Elgin Holiday Show
5	:00 Terry & the Pirates :15 Sky King :30 Jack Armstrong :45 Charm School of Air	When a Girl Marries Portia Faces Life Just Plain Bill Front Page Farrell	Hop Harrigan Superman Captain Midnight Tom Mix	News; Music Hall	Band of the Day Battle of Crooners Sports; Theater of the Air	
6	:00 Evans, Agronsky :15 Stardust, Sports :30 Earl Godwin :45 Singing Sam	News; Leif Eid Dream House Serenade; Bergman Lowell Thomas	Warner; Broff Bill Brundige The Johnson Family Art Brown	NEWS ROUNDUP Bob Wolff, Sports Dinner Concert	Melody Lane Sports; Wakeman Supper Club	News, W. Burdette Factfinder Speaking of Sports News, R. Trout
7	:00 Louise Massey :15 Raymond Swing :30 Lone Ranger :45	Supper Club News Man at a Grand H. V. Kaltenborn	Fulton Lewis, Jr. Songs of Good Cheer Cecil Brown Inside of Sports	News; Red Feather Artie Shaw Dance Tempo	Romantic Rendezvous Hal Derwin Sings News; Austed Govt. News, Music	Mystery of the Week Jack Smith Show Ellery Queen
8	:00 Lum 'n Abner :15 As the Wheels Turn :30 Jimmy Lytell Party :45	Dennis Day Great Gildersleeve	Hy Pop at Xmas It's Up to Youth	News: Popular Choristers Opera House "Hansel and Gretel"	Army Band Veteran Speaks News; 1450 Club Jackson Lowe	Jack Carson Show Dr. Christian ; News
9	:00 Ann Scotland :15 :30 Pot O' Gold :45	Duffy's Tavern Mr. District Attorney	News, Gabriel Heatter Real Life Stories Song Names	News; Gala Christmas Show	1450 Club Jackson Lowe News; 1450 Club Jackson Lowe	Songs by Sinatra Ford Show Dinah Shore
10	:00 Bing Crosby :15 :30 Playhouse of Favorites :45	Fabulous Dr. Tweedy Kollege of Musical Knowledge	Author Meets Critic Quiz of Two Cities	News; Music by Guy Lombardo Music for Dreaming	Juke Box Revue Christmas Story News; 1450 Club	Hollywood Players Information Please
11	:00 News, Evans :15 Hour of Dreams :30 Lee Drayton :45 Ray Michael	News; Snooky Larson Richard Harkness Dance Music	Voice of Washington Fulton Lewis, jr. Sweet Music ; News	News—Post Preview Music for the Years	1450 Club Jackson Lowe News; 1450 Club Jackson Lowe	News, Colling., Vick's Joseph Harsch Moondial Eddie Gallaher

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The Washington Post Stations

Nelson B. Bell About the Showshops

Uncle Remus Dispels Childhood's Shadows On Screen at Keith's

FOR UTTER WHOLESOMENESS and charm, Walt Disney's "Song of the South," opening this morning—but early—at RKO-Keith's, is an ideal Christmas attraction.

There is probably no age or taste that will not be richly served by this most adroit combination of conventional story-telling by living actors and the fanciful creations of the Disney cartoonists yet to reach the screen.

Ruth Warrick

Based on Joel Chandler Harris' beloved "Uncle Remus" stories, "Song of the South" adds music and entrancing Technicolor photography to its other unique virtues as an entertainment of universal and infallible appeal.

The picture's basic story is intrusted to the human cats and principally concerns a small boy's struggle with the problems thrust upon him by the domestic crisis that has overtaken his parents.

While this deprives the action in some measure of the soaring imagery which heretofore has characterized Disney's purely imaginative creations, it still marks the most perfect balance of fact or fancy the genius of the ink bottle has evolved.

The solutoin of youthful perplexities by Uncle Remus' cartoon parables is the perfect touch. The manner of their weaving into the flesh-and-blood story is artistry of the highest.

Hits the Jackpot

The "morals" of Bre'r Rabbit's misadventures with Bre'r Fox and the lumbering bear, whose mental alertness conspicuously parallels that of Mr. Bergen's Mortimer Snurd, are as illuminating to the adult mind as they are transparent to childhood's. Woven into the "drama" of "Song of the South" as skillfully as they are, as figments of the Disney drawing-pens, they complete a new and delightful pattern of screen narrative.

The scene of the "play" appriately enough is a fine old Southern plantation, to which little Johnny's mother turns in a moment of marital disturbance. The lad finds it a bit difficult to adjust himself to the design for living pursued by the pickaninnies and sharecropper's children on the sprawling place, but miraculously manages it through the sympathetic understanding of grandma and the tender wisdom of Uncle Remus.

Told in terms of the bewilderment and anguish of sensitive child, the tale ranges the field of youthful trials, tribulations and rewards, and is as gently and inescapably fascinating to the elders as to the juniors of whatever station or gender.

With Ruth Warrick, as the conventional young mother; Lucille Watson, the understanding grandmother; Hattie McDaniel, a bouncing Aunt Tempy, and James Baskett as an inspired Uncle Remus, the mature roles are superlatively executed.

Moppets Rule the Roost

Even so, they are subordinate in appeal to the juvenile figures so naturally and irresistibly depicted by Bobby Driscoll, Luana Patten, "Nicodemus" Stewart and the other youngsters bewitched by the yarns Uncle Remus spins around their imaginary griefs.

Bre'r Rabbit and his persecutors in the cartoon sequences, of course, are incomparable.

The sons scattered along the sound track are of a tunefulness and lilt typical of the Disney sense of gaiety, humor and whistleable delight—"Song of the South," "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah" — seemingly destined to march in the Hit Parade—"Sooner or Later," "How Do You Do?" "Everybody's Got a Laughing Place," "Look at That Sun," "Uncle Remus Said" and several more.

The effervescent little Blue Bird that perches on shoulders and leads many of these anthems belong the Disney immortals.

In variety of scene and mood, "Song of the South" is a rich and enchanting mosaic that dares to include pathos and near-tragedy in its design to lay proper emphasis on the brighter tones that form the mental picture one carries away.

"Skating Lady" and the newsreel are the only short subjects appended to a bill that could do nicely without any, the nature of its major feature being what it is.

Right or Left

Should your child develop a tendency to use his left hand just as frequently as his right, curb the inclination only to the point that he uses his right hand for writing, because it is less awkward. Let him use the left hand for any other duty; it will come in very useful later on to be able to use both hands cleverly.

Portraits

By James J. Metcalfe

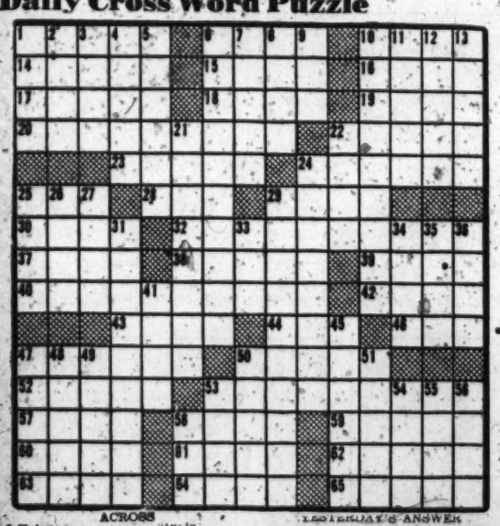
Best wishes

I wish a world of happiness . . . For you this Christmas Day . . . May every moment make your life . . . More wonderful and gay . . . I hope the greeting cards you get . . . Will number by the score . . . And countless packages will be . . . Delivered to your door . . . May you have many visitors . . . With friendliness to share . . . May God bestow His grace on you . . . And answer every prayer . . . And when another year arrives . . . With all its hours new . . . I hope there will be real success . . . And perfect health for you . . . May every day be filled with joy . . . And may each season bring . . . A share of love and beauty and . . . The best of everything.

BE SMART

NIGHT HOOD is in flower—with romantic glitter that frames your face for holiday partying. For warmth's sake, consider down-soft wool turned ever so feminine with its froth of shining ornamentation!

Daily Cross Word Puzzle



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1 Talons
6 Inactive
10 Noted English swimmer
14 Chinese fiber-yielding perennial
15 Highest point of a career
16 Feminine name
17 Correct
18 Keeves
19 Remotely
20 Hard, brittle element
22 Molded block of clay
23 The theater
24 Arrangers with nicety
26 Bustle
28 Large bird
29 Ireland
30 Inventor of firearms
32 Farmer's annual growing crops
37 Greenland seaport

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3 So be it
4 Pinions
5 Calm
6 Outer envelop
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8 Part of the ear
9 Naval rank: abbr.
10 Fatigue
11 Urchin
12 Having no spectral color
13 Yelps
21 Indescribable
22 Edge
24 Orsent
25 Genus of maples
26 Lavish extravagant fondness on
27 Patron saint of Norway
29 Purple black berry
31 Those given to speculating
33 Beak: Fr.
34 The lowest ebb
35 Story
36 Free
41 Male sheep
45 People of good birth
47 Surgical instrument
48 Irrigate
49 Plant of the parsley family
50 Inner satellite of Uranus
51 Lake in California and Nevada
53 Prepare the way
54 Enclosure about an altar
55 One who rests in concealment
56 Cupid
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LESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Susie Q

LEONARD LYONS

Times Square Tattle

New York, Dec. 24.—This is the story of a song, of Christmas and of Victor Herbert's "Mlle. Modiste." Fritzi Scheff was starred in the show, and such was her fame that when she disliked one of the songs the composer had written for the show it was dropped. "New Yorkers wouldn't like that song," Miss Scheff explained to Victor Herbert, who disagreed with her decision but had no alternative. Thirteen weeks after the show opened, Miss Scheff told Herbert: "Tonight is Christmas Eve. And as a Christmas present to you I'll sing the song" . . . She sang it—Kiss Me Again"—and it became the one best remembered.

Fiorello LaGuardia

Fiorello LaGuardia will move to the Mutual Broadcasting System, on a three-year contract, starting January 4. He will broadcast on a cooperative basis, with different sponsors in the several cities throughout the chain. His income is expected to be the largest in the cooperative group, and may reach $100,000 a year . . . On Wednesday the League of New York Theaters and the Press Agents Union finally came to an agreement, in Anna Rosenberg's office. There was no publicity on it.

Frances Day, the American actress who has been in England these past few years, directed one of the newer London musicals. The drama critics were unanimous in their attacks upon it. The next day Miss Day assembled the cast onstage and delivered a pep talk. She told them that, despite the terrible reviews, they'd rehearse and rehearse and give it their all. "Come on," she said, let's show 'em. Let's give 'em some of that spirit of Dunkirk" . . . One timid actor reminded her: "Please, ma'am, THEY had boats."

M. M. Geffen, publisher of Omnibook and Book-Reader, is entering the movie business by purchasing the screen rights to the novels abridged in his publications. His first purchases are Harnett Kane's "New Orleans Woman" and Robert Penn Warren's "All the King's Men." Geffen will place each story with the producer he thinks most capable of doing the adaptation . . . Henry Sherek, the British producer now visiting here, complains that all the New York shows he's seen are for sophisticated adolescents. "The plays," he said, "are for children with gray hair" . . . A friend who visited Secretary of War Patterson last week is positive that the Army and Navy merger is imminent—because, in Patterson's washroom, he saw a towel marked "U. S. N."

Dame Lilian Braithewaite, the venerable, gallant British actress, has been signed to appear in Henry Sherek's next production in England. She prefers the London theater. She never missed a performance throughout the entire blitz, and was proud of the troupe which went about its job casually and apparently unconcerned by the falling bombs . . . When the V-bombs started to hit London from across the Channel a new actor who had just joined the company became a bit nervous and suggested: "Don't you think it's time this show went on tour?" . . . "Fine, fine, I'm for it," Dame Lilian agreed. "What place do you suggest first—Dover?"

LaGuardia, who campaigned for the new Airport Authority to take over the Idlewild and LaGuardia Airports, will reverse himself and suggest that the Port Authority take control. "Any port authority in a storm," he said . . . Harry Guggenheim and Jimmy Doolittle, who were originally named to the 3-man Airport Authority Board, and who resigned, will support the opposition, if their opinion is asked . . . Tyrone Guthrie, director of the Old Vic, has arrived in Palestine to direct a production of the Habema Players. He offered them a choice of plays, and they selected "The Importance of Being Ernest." Guthrie warned them it would be too difficult to stage, and suggested "School for Scandal." They compromised with "Oedipus Rex."

At the Lawyers Division Federation dinner to Ben Cohen, counselor to the State Department, the lawyers representing labor, Government and industry conducted a pool on the outcome of the United Mine Workers' appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. A majority of the lawyers present predicted that the court will reverse the $3,500,000 fine . . . Burt Zorn, who represented industry, and Sidney Cohen, who represents many unions, made similar predictions, naming the six justices who probably will vote for reversal and the three who will sustain Justice Goldsborough's decision.

The War Department is making tests to determine the minimum diet required for humans to exist after plane crashes, shipwrecks or similar emergencies. Volunteer conscientious objectors are participating in the tests. And a rumor at Welfare Island is that prisoners there also have volunteered and been accepted . . . . When Ann Harding returns to the screen in "Christmas Eve" it will be as the 70-year-old mother of George Raft, George Brent and Randolph Scott . . . Jack Kriendler of the 21 Club wanted to deliver a message to Leo Lindy, who was called to a phone and heard a girl's voice say: "This is Mr. Kriendler's secretary." Lindy told her: "Hold on a moment. I'll let you speak to Mr. Lindy's secretary."

Mary Haworth's Mail

Widower Took Second Bride 25 Years Ago, Whom He Has Neglected Ever Since, While Observing Ritual of Grief for First Wife

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: When I was 18 I married a widower eight years my senior. At that time I was egotistical enough to think I would become his whole life. I thought I was young and good looking enough to make him forget his first wife. I was not as clever as that.

In our 25 years' marriage I have never received a birthday, Christmas or wedding anniversary gift from him. However, a blanket of roses goes to his first wife's grave three times a year,—in June, on the date of their wedding anniversary; at Christmas, and again on New Year's Day, which is the day she died.

I know a dot of women who envy the nice car, home and clothes I have; and who would be willing to have a husband like him regardless of the above situation. But I am a person who loves with all my heart and I want the same in return.

Joyless Home At Christmas

MY HUSBAND has never taken any interest in Christmas. The children and I spent the holidays together while he shut himself away from us, to figuratively re-live that holiday season, years ago, when she was mortally sick.

Now my sons are married and have homes of their own. Shall I leave my husband and spend my life alone—as I'm doing anyway,—and relinquish him to his memories altogether? I am getting to be a nervous wreck. I am 42 years old now, and of course not as young looking as she was at 23. Naturally I don't compare favorably with the oil painting he has of her at that age.

I could write a book about all the things I've been denied—things that every wife wants who has my disposition,—just because he married in haste and thereafter let me repent at leisure. If young girls should ever ask whether to marry a widower for anything more than a home, the answer is "No." That's the lesson of my experience.

R. S.

Moral of Story Hard to Fathom

DEAR R. S.: The essential lesson of your experience isn't clear. Perhaps you've been your own worst enemy in the relationship, in the sense of putting the accent on getting instead of giving in the role of wife,—maybe in an imperious spoiled child way to start, and later in cry baby fashion, as your early arrogant expectations weren't realized.

On the other hand, your husband's performance as described has been peculiar, to say the least. I mean his slighting treatment of you on days traditionally dedicated to celebrating family ties, while lending himself on such occasions to a conspicuous parade of widower grief for the first wife.

So possibly he always was a queer duck, with a neurotic compulsion to knife the self esteem of a love partner. And indeed his backward looking, heart bleeding histrionics of the past quarter century may be sparked by uneasy conscience. That is to say, by guilty secret knowledge that he was subtly cruel to the first wife, too, and made her suffer for loving him.

Man Gives Signs Of Bad Conscience

WHEN the bereaved is of good heart as regards the dead, knowing that he tenderly loved and worthily treated the one who has gone before, he finds grief digestible, in time. It is gnawing remorse for the lost opportunity to be kind which fuels morbid manifestations of grief, which may explain your husband's gloomy ritual of remembrance.

In any event, he presents a behavior problem for an analyst to decode, although it's late in life for him to change, particularly if he has no health-dynamic wish to snap out of the phantasy world in which he keeps his futile vigil. But reverting back to the lesson of your experience, again I suggest that a finer approach on your part to start might have wrought a difference for the better in him.

For advice: You, too, need specialist help to recover emotional equilibrium as you breast the forties. So review the whole story with an analyst, and then decide for yourself what seems best to do.

M. H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Post.

Ask Anne

Your Questions On Homemaking

A coffee stain made several years ago in a gray wool suit has not come out with numerous dry cleanings. Is it too late to lighten the stain, and if it can still be done, I would appreciate instructions. L. H. B.

I doubt that you can remove the stain now, since it has been there so long. Try rubbing in warm glycerine, then sponging with carbon tetrachloride. Absorbent dry cleaning powder may help also.

Recently I purchased two lamps, the bases of which are figures which I think are made of clay. Please tell me the best way to care for these so they don't become soiled. Also, can you tell me how to remove the odor from a toilet bowl? I have tried bleaches, etc., but they don't help. R. H. R.

There are so many different types of clay and pottery that I hesitate to recommend anything without more specific information regarding the lamps. Most lamps of this type can be kept clean by frequent dusting and occasional wiping with cloth wrung out of soapsuds, followed by rinsing with a cloth wrung out of clear water. However, if the figures have a talc base, water would harm them. Best plan, then, is to show the lamps to a dealer who can advise you about the material from which they were made.

Since you've tried the ordinary remedies for the toilet bowl, I believe there must be something wrong with the plumbing itself. Call a reliable plumber.

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Town Talk—

By Eva Hinton

MERRY CHRISTMAS, friends and readers! And may my friends be readers, and my readers friends! You have filled the stockings, trimmed the tree (ornaments are getting sturdier these days—some of them bounced when you dropped them!), mailed the last Christmas card and tied a tasteful ribbon on the last present!

And now you'd like a present for yourself; something restful and not too Christmassy. So I am going to wish for all of you the present that I should most like for myself—a long vacation on a lazy beach, under a very blue sky, by a very blue sea! You may have along your favorite companion or group (keep it small)! You may have snappy new bathing suits to set off your slim figure, and dresses in lovely pastel shades to glamorize your new hair-do.

If you are a man you may have well-cut bathing trunks, topped by rippling muscles. (You won't get any beach togs with pictures or flowers from me—I don't like them.) And you may have lots of linen and tropical worsted suits—the kind that don't wrinkle—to accent your suntan.

And now that you've had your vacation, back to the galleys, take up your holly-decked oar, and take a short trip with me to see some of Washington's Christmas festivities!

THE Jouett Shouses revived their happy prewar custom of a Christmas carol sing and buffet supper. The scene of the party was their attractive new house on F st. By the way, the Shouses have rented Wolf Trap Farm to two GIs, their wives and babies. And I hear that they have leased their Georgetown house to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Nash.

Among those peacefully singing carols to the accompaniment of the Shouses' piano and old-fashioned harmonium were the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Howard Peterson and Air Vice Marshal Robin Willock and Gen. Carl Spaatz, both the latter in civvies. Mrs. Spaatz was nearby, a miniature holly wreath with single bells pinned to her black evening gown.

COL. and Mrs. David Barry gave a delightful holiday afternoon party at which Miss Neville Barry and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dickey shared the honors. Mrs. Dickey is the former Frances Barry, who was married last June.

GUESTS trooped back and forth between the Barry party and the Yule fete given by Gen. and Mrs. Howard C. Davidson in honor of their son an ddaughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart C. Davidson, newlyweds since last August. Pretty Mary Davidson helped her parents receive. "Is'nt she a knockout," I heard a swain exclaim. Also being useful and ornamental were the Davidsons' school-girl daughters, Frences and Julia, a pair of twins with no confusing resemblance.

AND about the time you're reading this, I'll be dressing in my best to go to the William P. MacCrackens' Christmas noon eggnog party. Their Christmas card is a poem invitation which concludes,

"There'll be mistletoe, too,
Perhaps you'll be kissed;
And if you don't make it
You sure will be missed!
No matter what happens
This side of Heaven,
We wish you the best!
Come on, '47!"

EVA Eavesdrops: A masculine guest at pretty, blonde Sophie Finkenstaedt's debut tea. "Why is it that when these functions are all so much alike this one is so much more FUN?"

Abrahamson—Selis

Adas Israel Congregation was the scene yesterday of the marriage of **Miss Helen Dorothy Belis**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron C. Belis, Washington, and **Joseph L. Abrahamson** of Minneapolis, Minn. A reception at the bride's home followed the ceremony.

The bride, a graduate of Roosevelt High School and Strayer's Business School, is a member of Sigma Gamma Delta sorority. Mr. Abrahamson, who was discharged from the Army on Monday, plans to study law at the University of Minnesota. The newlyweds will make their home in Minneapolis.

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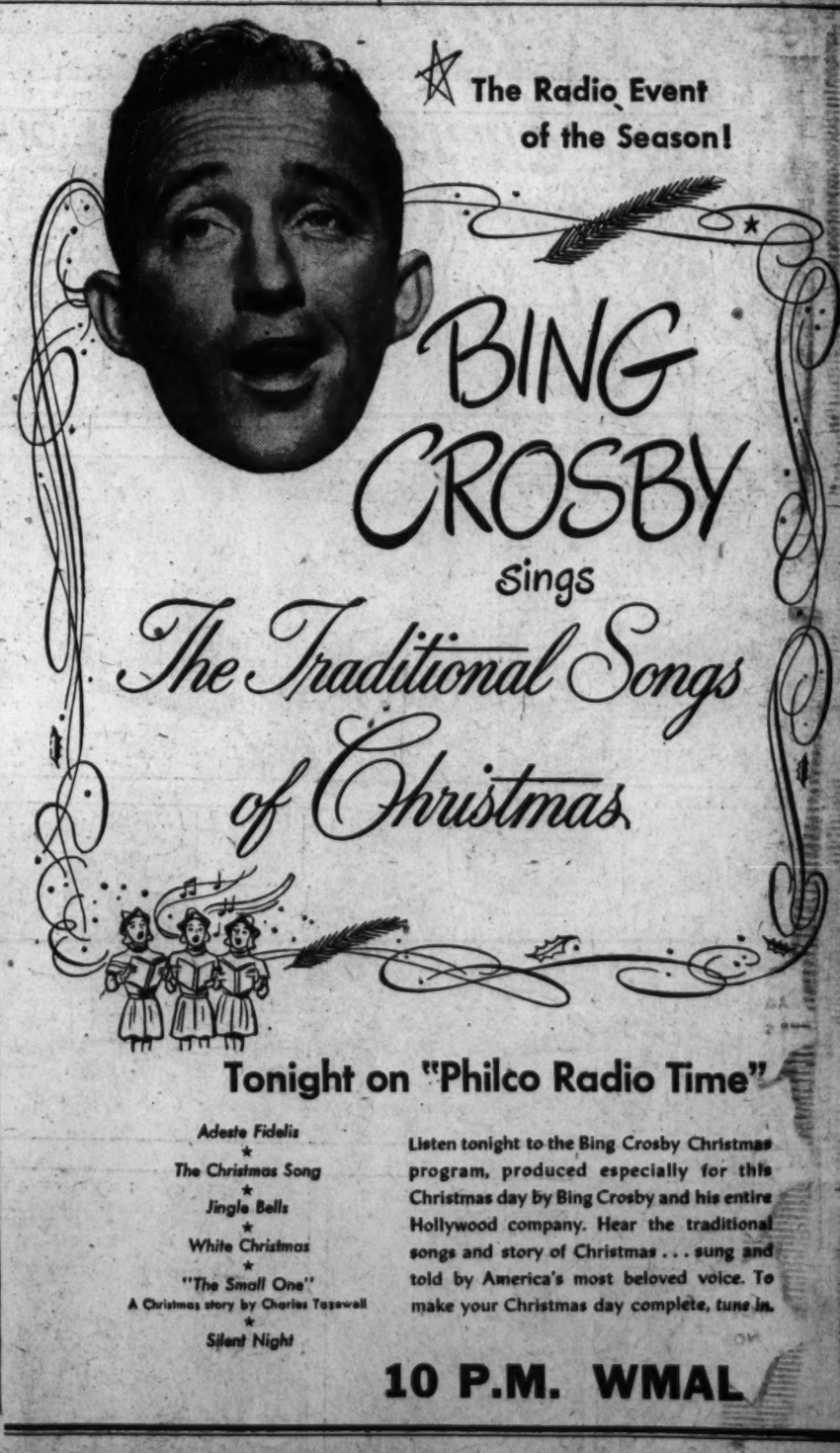
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